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Dear Parents

As another school year ends, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We are all very proud of your children and would like to congratulate them on completing another very successful school year.

Parent questionnaire and forum regarding communication

Thank you for your feedback about communication through the questionnaire and parent forum. We received very positive feedback about Parentmail and the class email addresses so we will continue to use these for much of our communication. It was felt that, although Google Classroom is useful for homework, it is confusing when teachers also use it for communication. From September, we will only use Google Classroom for homework and any messages from teachers will be sent by Parentmail. Every Friday afternoon, teachers will provide a summary of the week's learning and details of homework tasks on Google Classroom so that there is the same routine whichever class your child is in.

It is clear that the website is not used by nearly as many people as Parentmail so, although you will still be able to find information on the website, any relevant information will be sent by Parentmail rather than as a website link.

Some parents said that they would like more notice of dates so we will send you a list of key dates for your child's class at the start of each term. We will also try to give you pertinent dates as far in advance as possible, although these will be subject to change.

We hope that these changes will make communication more straightforward.

School uniform and PE uniform

With television adverts regarding 'Back to School' about to start again, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy for school uniform days and PE days. No children should wear any jewellery, including friendship bracelets, but can wear watches. If your child has a Smart Watch, it can only be worn in school if it does not have a camera. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

Uniform should be:

School uniform

Top: Royal blue: jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
White: polo shirt or shirt

Bottom: Grey or black: trousers, shorts or skirt
Or: Gingham dress
Footwear: Black shoes, black sandals or **pure black** trainers.
If your child's trainers have other colours on them, they can only be worn on PE days

PE uniform

Top: Royal blue: jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt
White: polo shirt or t-shirt
Royal blue: t-shirt
Bottom: Black: Shorts, skort, tracksuit bottoms, running tights or running leggings
Footwear: Black or white trainers

PE will start w/c 5th September and will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for children in Classes 1-6. We will inform you of your child's PE days when we return to school.

Before and After School Clubs

Rise and Shine starts from 7.50 am every day; After School Club runs Mon-Thursday until 5pm and Mrs Clarke (our new PE teacher) will be running a sports club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays; starting w/c 5th September, until 4pm. There will be a charge to attend these clubs. We hope Marlborough College will also run clubs, but we are waiting for confirmation.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 1st September.

Kind regards

Joanna Price

