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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone .....Where has the time gone! Six weeks disappears so quickly! All of the children look so very smart in their uniforms and despite a few initial mixed feelings - nerves, excitement, scared, happy - all appear to be settling well and ready for the term ahead!

Congratulations to our new Reception starters who have successfully completed their first few days in school.....a really big step! We would also like to send a big Newham Bridge welcome to those children and families who have joined us for the first time from other schools/ Nurseries - near and far. We hope you have all enjoyed your first few days of term!

I have listed some of the dates currently fixed in the diary and will update these as we progress through the Autumn term

#### AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: SCHOOL OPEN (NURSERY CLOSED)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September: NURSERY OPENS**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September: After School Clubs start**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Year 6 at Billingham Forum (1 - 4.30pm)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Year 4: Group 1 Swimming

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October: H TEMPEST: Individual/family school photographs

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October: **SCHOOL CLOSSES** for Half term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November: **SCHOOL OPENS**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: **SCHOOL CLOSSES**

#### INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL

We send out a weekly newsletter - like this, which can also be found on our 'Newham Bridge App'. You may receive a text from 'Text2Parents' which we use to communicate information. We also have a twitter account '@newhambridge' which shares events which take place in school. Every term you will receive a letter from your class teacher/Key Stage team outlining the new learning for the term whilst providing information about PE and homework.

In a school emergency our 'Newham Bridge App' and 'Text2Parents' will be used.



To keep our children safe we request that **MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT USED/ CALLS NOT TAKEN** within the school building. Thank you!



#### PE UNIFORM

At the end of last year we had many children who forgot their PE kit or who had non-uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our PE uniform is WHITE T-SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS and trainers/plimsolls (Not astro turf trainers).

The PE curriculum is statutory for all children and we expect all children to participate in the appropriate clothing. We have purchased a small number of additional PE kits for emergency use - to enable all children to participate in PE sessions.

#### TUCK SHOP

Our enterprising Year 6 pupils will restart our popular 'SCHOOL TUCK SHOP' on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September for pupils in Year 1 - Year 6. This supports those pupils who prefer a later breakfast or those who may like a snack between breakfast and lunch. There are a range of healthy items on offer including juice, cereal bars, cheese strings, yoghurts and breakfast biscuits. The cost of these items range from 10p-30p (KS1 - Max 60p spend)

The Tuck shop runs in our dining hall between 8.40am and 8.55am  
**Reception class children can go to the tuck shop on Fridays only.**

### PARKING

We hope this year not to have too many issues / complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking on Cayton Drive and Glendale Road. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to park safely and responsibly.

The Endeavour car park on Cawood Drive is available for parents to park safely.

For Key Stage 2 pupils we have our drop off zone on Cawood Drive from 8.40-9.00am.

Historically we have had a number of near misses with cars mounting kerbs, reversing near to pedestrians and children. We request that drivers and pedestrians be vigilant to ensure the safety of our families/ local community. As a school we do work alongside the Police and Traffic Wardens who are able to enforce parking regulations/ restrictions.

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK / ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This year we will still be having our 'Pupil of the week' and we are hoping to introduce a new 'Attendance Award' system in the coming weeks.

**Pupil of the week:** Awarded to a pupil per week per class who attends school, every day on time in full uniform (including PE uniform), who tries and works hard in class and completes homework on time.

Pupils of the week receive a 'Biscuits at break' voucher for Mondays and are invited to have juice and a biscuit with the Headteacher at morning break time.

### DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is £9.50 next week as the Council/Catering department are currently unable to implement their intended September price rise. We would appreciate all dinner money to be paid to the school office on Mondays.

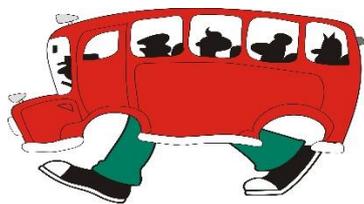
Thank you for your co-operation ☺

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had a fantastic response to our 'After School Clubs' this term - with thanks to our Staff who volunteer and provide so many to choose from! Unfortunately there were many children who were unable to attend their chosen clubs as many clubs - Art, Dance, Football, etc quickly became oversubscribed. We endeavour to provide an opportunity at some point over the academic year for all children, should they wish, to attend and participate in an activity after school.

### EXIT DOORS

The end of the day is extremely busy and we appreciate your patience as we endeavour to ensure that all of our children leave the premises with their Parent/Carer/Guardian. Unfortunately it has been difficult this week due to parents crowding around the exit doors - which significantly reduces the visibility for both the staff and, in Key Stage 2, the children to spot adults on the yard. It is for this reason that we request all parents to use the space/ bench seating on the yard and leave clear space around the exit doors. We hope this will enable all children to exit the building safely.



### WALKING BUS

Our walking bus has started already.

If your child is in Year 1 - Year 6 and you would like them to join our walking bus - please collect a form from the school office.

(Reception children may join after Easter 2018 - subject to availability)

### CONTACT NUMBERS

Please could you notify the school office if any of your contact details have changed - address, landline number, mobile phone number etc. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards

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