

## September 2023 Head's Newsletter

Welcome to the start of the Autumn term 2023! We hope that you have enjoyed the summer with your little ones and are ready to get stuck into school life for the coming year. We were delighted to see the children back in school this morning – all looking very smart with new uniforms and haircuts.



As well as welcoming the children into school, we are also welcoming two new members of staff this year at Anthony Curton;

We have Mrs Allen joining our staff in a mixed role, both within the classrooms and also within the office. We now have 3 Mrs Allens in school, which might make matters very confusing - although the spelling isn't exactly the same. Mrs Allen is a qualified sports coach, so will be taking some of the younger year groups for their P.E. sessions and, in time, will probably expand to taking year groups from across the school. You will also see Mrs Allen in the office during peak times helping to ensure that everything is running smoothly.

The other new member of staff that we have welcomed is Mrs Chambers. Mrs Chambers is working in a 1:1 capacity within year 2, so look out for a new face and say hello!

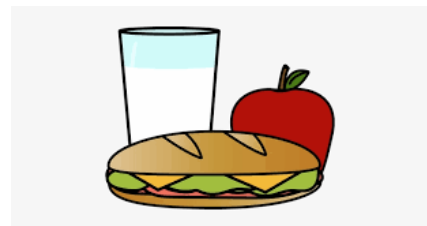


We are delighted to announce that two members of staff are expecting beautiful bundles of joy in the near future – both Mrs Beetlestone (Junior) and Mrs Dorman. They will both be leaving to go on maternity leave around Christmas time to welcome their new arrivals. We will let you know what arrangements are in place with staffing nearer the time.

We are very lucky to announce that we have a new website at Anthony Curton, which will be going live imminently. The new website address is [www.anthonycurton.demat.org.uk](http://www.anthonycurton.demat.org.uk) so please head over and take a look. Mrs Murray has been working hard over the holidays to get all of the information onto the new website, and is currently working hard on the Tilney site to get it ready. Tilney will have a new website in a few weeks, but isn't ready to go live quite yet, so we will be in touch again soon to let you know when that's fully up and running.

As you are aware, our catering is now supplied by Aspens, which has meant that everything in the kitchen has changed. We have tried to make any of the changes to our families as minimal as possible, but the kitchens are no longer able to produce snack for our children. We have been able to arrange

a local company to supply snack for our key stage 2 children in both schools, which will be charged at the normal price of 40p. The options available will be; pizza slice, mini blueberry muffin, cheese straw, flapjack or shortbread. Due to these not being produced on site, we will be batch ordering so cannot guarantee that every child will be able to have their first choice of snack each day.



We are always looking at how to streamline processes within school, and so we are changing how we let you know about any bumps or scrapes that happen to the children in school. All accidents will now be logged electronically – so you will no longer receive a “Just to let you know” slip. Instead, you will receive an e mail with all of the information about the first aid that your child has received. If your child has had a bump to the head, you will still receive a phone call from school alerting you

to the accident so that you can decide whether you would like to come and see your child for yourself.

Please look out for information about clubs coming out to you soon – both offices are currently organising the clubs that will take place this term. Please also look out for the class newsletters, which should be emailed to you on Friday this week. The newsletters will contain information specific to your child's class about P.E. days, specific learning, homework etc. so please make sure that you have a read.



Just a little reminder that children should be coming into school between 8.35 and 9.00am. If children arrive after 9.00am you will need to enter via the office and register your child there. If children arrive after 9.00am they will be marked as late in the register.

Again this year, we are encouraging parents to only give donations to fundraisers in school where you are able to do so. We would much rather that you spent your money on your own children instead of feeling pressured to give to charity. Whatever special event is happening within school, your child will be able to take part even if there is no donation. The cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on families and we don't want to add to any financial pressure that you may be facing. Please only give to charity events if you are able to and can afford to.

There will be some changes to the forest school timetable in the coming year. More information will be given to parents as and when it is necessary – please keep an eye out for this.

As always, if you have any queries or questions please either contact the school office or the class teacher, where we will be happy to help you. However, please can we remind parents that discussing lengthy issues with class teachers at the start of the day is not ideal, so please either book a meeting with teachers at the office, or contact teachers directly through e mail to arrange a suitable time to chat.

#### Dates for your diaries:

##### **Anthony Curton:**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – All after school clubs start this week. Dance class will be back after half term.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Y4 first weekly swimming lesson

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Tempest School Portrait photos

##### **Tilney All Saints:**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – All after school clubs start this week. Dance class will be back after half term.

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Y3s in Penguin class first weekly swimming lesson

Kind Regards,

Dawn Liddle

Executive Head Teacher