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Welcome back to school after our Summer Break! We hope that everyone is well rested and ready to start the new term, which, as always, promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. Please keep a careful eye on our Newsletter – it is our way of letting you know what is happening. Our Diary Dates at the end of each newsletter will help you to keep up with different events and opportunities for you to visit school.

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, with effect from MONDAY 11th September we will have to increase the cost of our school breakfast from £1.00 per child to £1.50 per child. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, the cost is subsidised through Pupil Premium and the charge will therefore be 50p per child. The charge is for both Key Stages as Universal Free School Meals, currently available in Key Stage 1, are not available for breakfast. I am sure that you will appreciate our reasons for having to increase the cost of our breakfast, which I think you will agree is still very good value for money. Children are offered a healthy range of cereals, toast and fresh fruit on a daily basis. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals and therefore have access to Pupil Premium Funding, please see a member of our admin team for advice.

A big 'Hello' to all of our new pupils who have joined Herringham this week. Our Reception children will be entering school over the next two weeks, with everyone attending full time at the end of that period. We also say hello to our new members of staff, Miss Conway, Miss Reynolds and Miss Burgess – all of whom started with us in July, but begin with their new classes this term – also to Miss Shao who has joined our Teaching Team and Miss Iberi and Mr Kunaraj who join our LSA Team with effect from 1st September.

Our Friends of Herringham will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 8.45am at school. Everyone is welcome to attend. Maybe if you are new to the school, you would like to come along and find out what Friends do to help the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It was wonderful to see all of the children come back to school looking so smart in their school uniforms. Wearing uniform gives the children a sense of identity and belonging to their school. If you are unsure, our uniform is:

For Boys

Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt

White shirt, polo shirt or plain white t-shirt

Grey trousers or shorts

For Girls

Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt

White blouse, polo shirt or plain white t-shirt

Grey skirt, trousers or tunic

All children should wear conventional black shoes and not trainers for school

PE Kit for both boys and girls is:

Black shorts,

Plain white t-shirt or optional house colour t-shirt (available to order from school)

Plimsolls or training shoes (for outside PE only)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our reports on attendance and punctuality for each class will continue in our Newsletter each week, helping you to see how your child's class is meeting school targets in respect of attendance, and how much time may be lost due to children arriving late for school. We cannot stress enough the importance of your child attending school on a regular basis, and arriving on time ready to face the day. If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, you must telephone our school office BEFORE 8.30 on the morning of absence. If we do not receive a phone call, we will ask an Attendance Ambassador to call at your house to establish where your child is. Your child will be recorded as late for school if they arrive after 8.45am. Our classroom doors are open for children to register between 8.30 am and 8.45 am. The doors are locked at 8.45 am and you must then bring your child to the main office for registration.

MONEY MATTERS

School dinner money and trip money can be paid through our School Gateway App online. If you are unsure how to access this, please see a member of the Admin Team. School meals should be paid weekly in advance on a Monday morning. Cash can be taken either at the school office or in the classroom. Cash MUST be in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's full name and class. If you need change, please say this on the envelope, otherwise, we will take the whole amount enclosed for the dinner account. Change can be collected from the school office at the end of the day.

If you are interested in opening a 'Savings Account' with the school to help towards the cost of school trips and other expenses, please see a member of the Admin Team for information.



DIARY DATES.....

Thursday 14 September

Y6 Gateway academy recruitment at GPFS

2pm

Y6 open evening at Gateway Academy
6.30pm

Wednesday 20 September

Y3 swimming starts (10 weeks)

Thursday 21 September

Rocksteady Assembly and workshops for all year groups

Friday 22 September

Silk River project at Tilbury Cruise Terminal

Tuesday 26 September

Y3 Home Safety talk

Wednesday 27 September

Friends of Herringham AGM 8.45am

Thursday 28 September

Y3 Kidzania trip

Thursday 12 October

Reception parent and child session 2-3pm

Wednesday 18 October

Individual photos all children

Friday 20 October

Last day Autumn 1

Monday 6 November

Back to school