Dear Parents/Carers

It is really wonderful to have all our pupils back at school eager and ready to learn. Since their return we have been busy looking at “Learning to Learn” and encouraging the children to become independent, resilient and inspired learners. There are lots and lots of other exciting things planned for your children this term so please look out for letters/information slips in book bags and check our website and our Facebook/Twitter pages regularly. Please also see our school term dates on the back of this letter.

I would like to remind parents of a few very important housekeeping rules that need to be adhered to so that we ensure the safekeeping of our children and the efficient running of the school!

- Please make yourself familiar with the clubs that your child attends and take note of finishing times and days that clubs are not happening. This information and any other important information can be found in the club letter sent out with your child, on our website, is in our weekly newsletter that is emailed out to parents, Facebook/Twitter pages and on both our noticeboards in the playground and at the main entrance. We expect children to be picked up promptly from the playground after their club. Children who are picked up late regularly may lose their place in their club. Please let us know if you are running late.

- Summercourt Road is a public road and is not part of the school's property. The Local Authority have allowed us to use this entrance to help our parents who find that entrance easier to access the school. Unfortunately there have been continuing incidents that cause concern and it may be that this entrance will have to be closed completely as some drivers and pedestrians act inconsiderately and therefore put our children in danger. In order for us to keep this entrance open please take extra care when entering the school this way.

- Parents’ Evenings take place on 22nd November 2017 and 5th March 2018 and dates of all our events are on the calendar on our website. Parents’ Evenings are a helpful tool for parents to communicate with teachers and to learn how their child is progressing and how they can help at home. If you have any concerns at all about the progress of your child please do contact the school and we will do our best to address your worries.

- After the October half term (between 1st November 2017 and 8th February 2018) the evenings will be dark and we would ask that children in Years 5 and 6, who normally walk home alone are picked up from school. No child will be allowed home without an adult.

- Whilst I appreciate that parents do adhere to the non-smoking rule on school grounds I would also ask that parents who smoke outside the school gates remember the health and safety of children by not smoking too close to the gates and not blocking the pavement when children and parents are trying to access the school.

- Parents waiting on the Junior playground should stand behind the yellow semi-circles and not block the gates at any time to enable a clear field of vision for all parents and children.

Here’s to a wonderful year and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Debbie Priest
Headteacher