



Thriftwood

Specialising in Business and Enterprise

9th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

HELLO – WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a lovely break and I send you all good wishes for the New Year.

We have another busy term planned starting with a mini-topic in each department this week entitled 'The Big Mistake'. This week is planned to help pupils to develop a growth mind-set, trying new things and understanding that making mistakes is how we learn.

We have been tracking pupils' progress over the past term and will be reporting to you about this at **Parents Evening on Wednesday 13th February**.

Upper School will be having their One Planning review meetings during the weeks commencing either Monday 21st January or Monday 4th February 2019.

The Upper School residential trip to Derbyshire will take place from 25th to 27th March inclusive.

Other important dates for 2018 to note are:-

INSET Days (School closed for pupils)

- Tuesday 7th May
- Monday 10th June
- Monday & Tuesday 22nd and 23rd July

Last day of Spring Term: Friday 5th April

Last day of Summer Term: Friday 19th July *

**Please note School will finish at 1p.m. on the last day of Summer term.*

Middle & Upper School Sports Day: Monday 24th June

Open Afternoon: Thursday 4th July

Class Transition Day: Wednesday 10th July

Family Picnic & Primary Sports Day: Tuesday 16th July

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the following:-

Clothing

We are an outdoor school. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for all types of weather including hat, gloves and a waterproof coat. These items **must** have a name label.

School Times

The School day starts at 8.40 a.m. Please do not drop off your child in Reception until this time. We are unable to guarantee a member of staff will be able to supervise them.

School finishes at 3.10 p.m. Monday to Thursday and at 2.30 p.m. each Friday.

Transporting Children

As you are aware, the beginning and end of the school day is particularly busy at the front of the school. If you are dropping or collecting your child please be mindful of the taxi-buses and we ask that you **do not** stop right at the front of the school – this blocks access for the buses bringing the transported children.

To ensure the safety of our pupils, **cars** and **taxis** should not reverse in the front driveway where pupils and staff are disembarking and walking into the main building and the Enterprise and Acorn Centre. Your help in keeping these areas clear and safe is very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all that can be achieved as we work together to ensure the learning experiences for our pupils continue to be engaging, enabling each child to reach their full potential.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards



Georgina Pryke
Headteacher