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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and also welcome to the new families and new staff at Pinxton Village Infant Schools. Our 42 Reception children have all made a super start and are already learning new routines and rules as they begin to settle into school life.

The purpose of this letter is to give you diary dates for the year ahead plus a few reminders and information. The main diary dates are attached to this letter. They are also displayed in school and on the school website.

If you wish to receive copies of our newsletters via email, in addition to receiving a hard copy, please send an email to [letters@pvis.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:letters@pvis.derbyshire.sch.uk). Please include your child's name in the email. Please also remember that copies of our newsletters and other information can be found on our website [www.pvischools.com](http://www.pvischools.com)



**Start of school day** – As you are aware the school day starts with registration at 8:50am at both schools, with the doors being opened at 8.40am. Please have your child settled on the carpet in their classroom ready for a prompt start every day.

Please notify school if your child is going to be absent. Any child arriving at school **after 8:50am** MUST be signed in to ensure the correct dinner arrangements are made for them.

**End of the School Day** – Please make sure that school staff are aware of who will be collecting your child at the end of each day. Over time we will become familiar with adults that regularly collect your child. However, it would be helpful to know if you have arranged for a new person to collect. If circumstances change during the day please give the school office a call and they will let the classroom staff know.

Please make sure your child brings everything they need with them at the start of the day – lunchbox, **WATER bottle (WITH CLEAN FRESH WATER ONLY)** and their book bag. If you provide a packed lunch please remember to include a drink for your child too.

**PE bags** need to be in school from the beginning of each half term and stay in school. We will send it home for washing at each holiday. Please remember to look at your child's class door to see which day they have PE on. If your child wears earrings they will need to be removed on the days they have PE before they come to school. Children need to have an appropriate **coat** to wear in school every day.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR NAME**

**Cool Milk** – Many children now enjoy milk each day in school. If you have opted for your child to receive 'FREE MILK' until they are five, please remember that you need to contact the company directly, before your child turns five, if you wish your child to continue having milk at the cost of about 22p per day after their birthday. Families eligible for pupil premium are also able to get FREE MILK for their child throughout Infant School.

**Scooters and bikes** - If your child wishes to scoot or cycle to school, it is your responsibility for the safety of the scooter or bike if it is left on school premises. On both sites we have scooter pods that bikes can be stored in.

**Parking** – It is inevitable that the roads around our sites will be busy when you are dropping off/ collecting your children from school. We hope that all the drivers will drive carefully in the busy built up areas and be considerate in the places they choose to park. Local residents require access to their driveways and pedestrians need access to the pavement and safe places to cross roads. Thankfully the majority of our families recognise the importance of road safety without needing to be reminded.

**Out of school Provision** – A private company called JPAC provide out of school care based on the Kirkstead Junior School site. Chantelle and Kirsty run the Breakfast and After-School club. Parents requiring breakfast or after-school provision for their child should contact Chantelle directly, on 07519411354, to book their child a session. Registration forms are available at the school office.

**Celebration Assemblies** – We believe that it is important to celebrate children’s achievements and we hope that you will be able to join us through the year to congratulate all the children too. Both sites have central display boards where certificates are displayed each week.

‘Superstars’ At **Longwood**, parents are invited to join our ‘superstars assembly’ in the Hall from 9am every Friday. This continues to be a very well attended weekly event and following consultation in the Summer Term will continue to take place every week.



‘Superstars’ At **John King**, parents receive invitations to a Celebration Assembly at the Village Hall each half term. In school 2 children per class are presented with Superstars each week. Their certificate will be on display in school and then re-presented at the next Celebration Assembly.



The children have already started to collect stickers on their charts in school. Once full (25 stickers) they will collect a prize and a certificate will be presented at the following Friday’s assembly.

If your child receives a ‘WOW’ you will be notified by text message and this will be celebrated in the next celebration assembly.



As parents we all want our children to achieve and be the best that they can. Please remember that at Pinxton Village Infant Schools we believe that the children need to be happy to be successful, and that a positive environment is key to providing a happy school. Every child will be provided with verbal praise and encouragement every day.

**Helpers in School** - **Once the children are settled into their new classes we shall be asking for helpers.** We love parents to come in and help doing all sorts of tasks across all areas of the curriculum and for when we visit places in the village. Please give this a thought over the next couple of weeks while we are settling the children in. If you are able to help – please see the class teacher. (All regular volunteers will require a DBS check to work in our schools.)

**Helping your child at home** - If you are unable to help in school and you want to support your child’s learning, please help them with their homework. We are working with the children to find out/check their current level of ability and homework folders will be in your child’s book bag very soon if it hasn’t already appeared! Thanks again to all the families who helped their children to keep learning during the summer break.



**We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm in the **PASS centre**. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing a variety of acts during the celebration. We will be asking each child to bring 2 items of food in order to make up shoe box sized hampers to take to the residents of Jubilee Court. **Please could we have your ‘back to school’ shoe boxes?!** We shall also be making up a large hamper to raffle on the day. All contributions will be very gratefully received.

Our aim is to provide happy, safe and challenging schools for your children so they can be the best they can in every aspect. This is best achieved when we have the support and trust of families. As ever we ask that you speak to your child’s class teacher if you are worried about anything.

Please also feel free to approach me, Jess Knighton or Brigitte Collier with any concerns or issues, our ‘doors’ are always open. Our executive head, Jan Pierce will be in school each week too. She will be at John King all day on Wednesday and at Longwood on Monday and Friday mornings. I will be based at the John King site on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, and on the Longwood site all day on Wednesday, Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,  
**Christine Avery**

Acting Head of Schools