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Purple Post

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

A warm welcome back to another new term and academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. Thank you so much for such a great start to the term- pupils look smart in their uniforms and are ready and prepared for their learning. A particular welcome to our new pupils who have started in F1 and 2 and throughout the school - we look forward to a long and successful partnership. We have lots of information to share with you and things to celebrate- the newsletter will be published each fortnight, the website and X are great places to keep up to date as well as emails and Groupcall, which is particularly used for 'urgent' text messages.

Have a happy start to the term and a good weekend.

Liz Latham

Essential information updates

It's essential to have the correct contact details so that we can get in touch with you – please make sure that if you've changed your phone number, address or your child has started new medication over the summer, you let the office know.

Emails: this year we will continue to use email as the main way to keep you updated- this helps in our drive to be environmentally friendly. Please do check emails regularly to stay in the know!

School Start time 8.50am

Well done to everyone who has made sure that your child arrives in school to begin their learning at **8.50am**. If your child arrives after this time, then they are classed as LATE.

Please aim to be in the playground by 8.45am when classroom doors open - the school day officially starts at 8.50am.

If your child is late for school by 10 minutes every week, it's a full day of learning lost over the year. If they're late every day by 10 minutes, it's a full week of learning.

Dates for your Diary

Yr 6 swimming starts	2 nd Sept
Yr 3 Local History trip	13 th Sept
Yr 6 Warning Zone	17 th Sept
Yr 5 Brass tuition starts	17 th Sept
Yr 2 Pirate Day Beaumanor	3 rd Oct

More information/ dates to follow in the next newsletters.

Free afterschool multisports

These sessions will start next week for years 2-6 : emails have been sent out with all the information needed to



sign up and the confirmation of your child's place should be with you today. There may still be some places available so please do complete the Form if you would like a place for your child.

Pupil Praise Phonecalls



Just to make you aware that one of the new developments we have put in place this year is 'Pupil Praise Phonecalls' -a short phonecall home to parents made by school staff who want to let you know how well your child has done in school – lovely news to receive!

Urgent – please complete!

The Government is carrying out a survey about the need for wrap-around care: this is the before and after school care. Could you please complete this questionnaire – it should only take a couple of minutes and would help us understand what's needed in our community – thanks very much

<https://forms.office.com/e/ixUz69VxzW>

Pharmacy First!

It's still sometimes very difficult to see a doctor if your child is unwell with common childhood illnesses. Did you know that you can 'fast-track' medical advice and a clinical appointment by visiting your local pharmacy? Please see the leaflet below for more details.



To all local parents and schools in Leicestershire

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

NHS Providing NHS services



Speak to your pharmacist if you suspect you have

Earache

(Children aged 1 to 17 years)

Visit your Pharmacy First!

Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.

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Speak to your Pharmacist if you suspect you or your child have

Infected Insect Bite or Impetigo

(Children and adults age 1 and over)

Visit your Pharmacy First!

NHS Providing NHS services



Speak to your Pharmacist if you or your child have a

Sore Throat

(Children and adults age 5 and up)

Visit your Pharmacy First!

The majority of Leicestershire community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service. Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite think

Pharmacy First!

For more info on community pharmacy services visit
www.leicestershire-rutland.communitypharmacy.org.uk

