

Castlecroft Primary School

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Dear Parents,



Welcome back to the new school year and a warm welcome to all our new parents. We do hope that you had an enjoyable summer. The school has been a very busy place during the 6 week break with the new staff team working hard to plan and prepare an exciting Autumn term.

During holidays the car park has been redeveloped and the final finishing touches are being completed today. Hopefully this will reduce the number of staff cars parked in Windmill Crescent and help ease traffic congestion. To improve traffic flow we have had two drop off bays developed outside the school. Please use these when picking up or dropping off your child but do not park there for longer periods of time.

Development of our KS1 playground is well underway but as you are already know it has not been completed. We are optimistic that the vast majority of work should be completed by Monday of next week. I am sure the children will love the new play opportunities.

Music Lessons - The school will continue, like many others in the city, to make a small charge to those children who receive Instrumental lessons from Wolverhampton Music School. There is a charge of £3 for a lesson and the charge for a term will be **£30**. This still represents excellent value for money for music tuition. As there will be more than 10 lessons a term this means that there should be some free weeks where there will be no charge and it should mean that if a lesson is cancelled there would be no need for a refund. (If the number of lessons per term drops below 10, then of course, a refund will be offered). **Lessons will need to be paid for at the beginning of each term.**

Infant Meals -

All Infant children are now entitled to have a free school meal (as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme).

Junior Meals -

The cost for school meals for our Junior department is now £2.40 per day, therefore costing £12.00 per week. **This needs to be paid through our ParentPay system.** You should have been given a ParentPay username and password. If not please call in the school office and we can issue you with one. If you would like any advice on Free School Meals or Discounted School Meals please call in to see Miss Smith or Mrs Jones. If you are not eligible to receive a Free School Meal you may be eligible for the discounted meals scheme where the meals are offered at **£1.40**. Families receiving working tax credit but with an income not exceeding £16,190 are eligible for the discounted meals. Attached is the new school term dinner menu.

Milk money for the term will be **£11.00** which needs to be in school by next Friday **16th September at the latest. This will need to be paid by cash or cheque.** (Please make cheques payable to Wolverhampton City Council). The milk is greatly subsidised making each carton of milk cost as little as 15p. All children from Reception to Year 6 need to pay for milk (including our infant children) unless they are under five on the first day of term or in receipt of free school meals (via the Free School Meals register NOT as part of the Infant Universal Free School Meals Scheme).

Please can I remind you that we do not allow fizzy drinks in school, either as a break-time drink or as part of their packed lunch. We have found that leakages are common and in moving bags and sandwich boxes around the school, the drinks are often shaken up.

Our Football Club starts this week (Friday 9th September) for Years 1 to Year 6. If any Reception child wishes to join they will be welcome to join after October half term. Please note the first week is free for all children. The cost will then be £2.50 per week payable to the footballing staff.

You will be aware that we use the text messaging service on a regular basis to keep you informed of last minute changes and reminders of events. **Please can you make sure your all your contact details are up to date.** If you have recently changed your mobile phone number please inform the office staff immediately. Thank you.

Congratulations to Miss Weston who has had a baby boy in the holidays. Baby Noah is doing well.

I attach a dates list for the coming term. As you can see it promises to be another busy but enjoyable term!

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Dyll, Headteacher.