Freethorpe Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Freethorpe Primary

A warm welcome back to the start of an exciting new academic year. I do hope that your summer break was filled with wonderful family memories made.

I am looking forward to continuing as Head of School here at Freethorpe and feel it is a great privilege to be in position to be part of your child's Primary School journey. Our dedicated staff team are here to support every child to feel understood, nurtured and supported to ensure all children thrive emotionally and academically.

This year, we are introducing something new: our **'Core Connections'. Advocacy, Wellbeing, Collaboration, Creativity, Independence and Citizenship** will be at the 'core' of everything we do. This will allow children to develop skills and values to thrive in school and everyday life. To celebrate and recognise these qualities in our children, we will be linking celebration certificates to our new Core Connections.

Wraparound and After School Club

We're thrilled to let you know that our wraparound care is returning. Wraparound care would need to be booked if you would like your child to attend from 3:30 - 5:30pm. Within this time frame children can also access an after school club from 3:30 - 4:30 if they choose to. If you would like your child to attend an after school Club until 4:30 you would book this as opposed to the wraparound option.

Teacher Led After School Club

This year teachers will be holding After School Clubs for 5 weeks of each term. Which we are thrilled to be able to offer. These clubs will commence the week of the 15th September until the week commencing 13th October.

A letter with further detail will be sent out this week outlining the after school clubs on offer along with the bookable teacher led After School Clubs available.

First Aid Notification

We wanted to let you know about our first aid communication. We inform families if a child has received first aid for an injury above the neck and on the head via phone call or text message. If your child receives any first aid at school which is for more than a minor graze or injury, you will also be informed.

All first aid incidents are logged and monitored in school. As you can imagine, we respond to a large number of minor grazes, bumps and scrapes each day and this system helps us keep you informed in a consistent and manageable way. If you would like further details about any incident or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us directly.

School Council

This week we will also be welcoming our children across the year groups to apply to be part of our Freethorpe School Council. More detailed information will be sent out shortly for our children to participate in.

Curriculum

This year phonics groups will take place across the school with children disseminating into one form year groups from Year 1 to Year 3. This will ensure year group specific phonic focus using the Little Wandle scheme.

All autumn term dates will be sent in one document this week for your information.

If I haven't had the opportunity to speak to you yet, I welcome a hello at the gate so I can familiarise myself with all new families.

I look forward to continuing working with all our families at Freethorpe Primary.

Yours sincerely,

Shefa Roberts
Head of School