

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the school year, there are changes we would like to share with you in preparation for the new 25/26 school year in September.

### **Transition Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Firstly, your child will be informed on Friday of their new class teacher in readiness for the transition day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. As you will see, there are some new names as we have three new staff joining the New Pastures team. Mrs Moss will be teaching in Y3/4, Mr Woodward will be in Year 5 and Mrs Hutt will be joining the Key Stage 1 team in Year 2. They are looking forward to meeting the children and we are sure you will welcome them to the school.

On Monday, those children already at the Key Stage 2 site will come to school as usual. Please could the Year 2 children going in to Year 3 be brought to the Key Stage 2 playground for 8.45 am. We will then take them to their new class. Breakfast club will be open as usual. At the end of the day, pupils in the new Y3 – Y6 will leave from the Key Stage 2 site.

In Key Stage 1, teachers will collect their pupils as usual and then take them to their new class. They will leave as normal at 3.30.

The day will be a really positive one and hopefully ease some of those new term nerves.

### **Changes to the School Day**

As we have previously communicated, the timings of the school day are changing in September. Along side this, we are able to offer a variety of after school clubs from September. These include science, art, cookery and sports clubs. We are pleased to announce that Doncaster Rovers will now be delivering sports provision to the pupils and this will include a sports club after school. Letters for the various clubs will go out next week – there will be a limited number of spaces for some clubs so please ensure permission slips are returned promptly.

### **Behaviour Policy and Rewards**

We have been working hard to make improvements to the behaviour and reward systems in school to encourage good behavior choices and make the school a happy, calm and safe place for all pupils. Dojo points are used to reward pupils for things such as their positive learning attitudes, great behaviour choices, attendance and following school rules. They are now able to spend their rewards at the newly opened Dojo shop which is run by our current Year 5 in Key Stage 2 and staff in Key Stage 1. It is proving to be a real hit with the children who can buy anything from a Lucky Duck to a toothbrush and toothpaste!

On Thursday afternoons, the children are able to take part in enrichment activities as part of their Golden Time rewards. At the moment pupils choose an activity that their whole class can take part in but in the new school year this will be developed further to provide pupils with a wider choice of structured activities to take part in.

All this will hopefully encourage all pupils to make the right choices. Any issues with behaviour are dealt with immediately and as part of the behaviour policy, pupils lose 5 minute increments (up to 30 minutes) of Golden Time for any poor behaviour choices. This approach ensures pupils always have the opportunity to turn things around and still gain some rewards. Any issues will be reported to parents so that we can work together to make improvements.

The Thursday club for children of working parents will continue as usual, with pick up changing to 3.15pm at KS1 and 3.20pm at KS2.

### **Communication**

From September, we will be changing over to a new communication system, Teachers to Parents. This will enable school to provide a variety of information to parents and carers quickly and directly to Year groups, phases, classes and individuals as required. Any correspondence to school will then come directly to the office who can assign it to the relevant staff and ensure clear communication. More information about this will be sent out in a separate letter.

Until this is set up, any dates or information about events will be posted on Class Dojo though some services on this are being phased out to allow the change over of systems.

### **Building Work**

Over the Summer holidays, lots of exciting changes are taking place in both buildings. On the KS2 sites, work is being done to create a comfortable, safe waiting space for parents and visitors. The Year3/4 cloakroom is moving into the pupil entrance which means we can develop a learning space outside the classrooms for pupils to work in. Similar changes are taking place outside the Y5 and Y6 classrooms to enable staff to provide support and interventions for pupils.

In the KS1 building, a new Foundation Stage unit is being developed with new pupil toilets and better access to the outdoors area. This will create a really child friendly environment, creating many more learning opportunities in a bright, open space.

### **Doncaster Rovers Trophy Tour**

Finally, one for all the football fanatics in school! New Pastures has been chosen as part of the Doncaster Rovers Trophy Tour. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, representatives of the club will visit school, bringing the trophy and Donny Dog! They will be speaking to children in assembly and there will be time to take photographs which will then be included in a future match programme. We are sure it will be an exciting morning for the children!

As you can see, there is lots of change which will have a positive impact upon our pupils at New Pastures!