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## Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Reculver School. I hope that you had a wonderful summer break, enjoyed the lovely British summer weather that we experienced and that you feel refreshed and ready for the new school year. On behalf of myself and the staff, thank you for the gifts that we received on the last day of term in July – it was very thoughtful and generous of you.

We also welcome the parents and children in Early Years to our Reculver family. We are very much looking forward meeting you over the next week and welcoming your children into class on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The staff were back in school last week for two full days of training, preparing for the new school year and for some new schemes of work and initiatives that we are implementing this year. We had a year full of successes last year and we look forward to building on this success during the upcoming school year.

This year, I will continue to send out a weekly newsletter, keeping you up to date with everything that is happening in school. We usually send out a list of term dates at the start of the year. However, as things change so much during the year and new dates are added, this year, all dates will be entered on the school website or communicated with you termly via the newsletter. This way, we hope that we can keep you up to date with all events as and when they are happening and avoid any confusing changes of dates along the way. All letters, presentations and other information that you may need will also be on the website, or do pop in to reception where our ladies in the office will help you.

During the summer, the building work has also commenced. This is an exciting project for our school that will bring many benefits. Unfortunately, it will bring the inevitable disruption that comes alongside any major works. However, the building company, the staff and I have worked hard during the summer break to minimise any disruption to the children, whilst also keeping the site 100% safe for all children and visitors. As a result, there will need to be some changes to the routines in the morning and afternoon.

The mornings will be fairly straightforward as parents do not access the site. However, nursery parents will now be using the school gate to access the school site as the other gate is now purely for builders access. Therefore, the gate will be busier each morning. Can I remind you that, although the gate does open at 8.30am, the school does not open until 8.40am, and we'd ask as many of you as possible to delay your



child's arrival at school until around this time so that children can go directly into school. Parents of children who are now in Year 1 may bring their children into school for the first two days of the term, after which we would ask that they are left at the main gate so that they can start to independently come into school. Their teacher will be waiting for them at the second gate to welcome them. All of the children managed to come into school independently last term so we are confident that this will be able to continue this year, and staff will then be free to manage the children and the site access.

There will however need to be considerable changes at pick-up time in the afternoons.

As you will see when you visit the school, our access to the playground has been limited and a narrow walkway created around the edge of the site. So that this walkway can cope with the flow of personnel at the end of the day, the following routines will now be in place.

Ants and Ladybirds class will be collected from outside their classroom doors.

Busy Bees, Grasshoppers and Butterflies class will be collected from the Key Stage 1 side doors in the KS1 playground area.

Any siblings from Years 3,4,5 or 6 will also come and join their brothers/sisters and family via this door: please do not go on to collect these children from the main playground. If you want to talk to your child's teacher, please go to the main office and we'll contact them to come down and see you.

If you have a child in Year 3,4,5 or 6 **who does not have a younger sibling**, please follow the new path to access the main playground.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 teachers will bring the remainder of their classes to the main playground where the children will meet their parents.

Any child who walks home on their own will make their way to the main hall to be dismissed by myself or Mrs Collins via the main hall door, adjacent to the school gate. If you would prefer to meet your child at the school gate rather than negotiate the building site and pathways, do let your child/their teacher know and they can leave school this way too.

Please bear with us as we all get used to the new arrangements: things will inevitably take a little longer at first but will soon smooth out and speed up as everyone gets used to how things work and as staff get to know their new class and parents. It promises to be a busy and exciting term, and we will keep you updated with all our news and events each week on the school newsletter.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Jenny Ashley-Jones- Headteacher