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Welcome back - key information for Wednesday's return to school and this term

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. I hope those of you blighted by illness before the break (and I'm sure some during) are fit and well. The staff and I are busy in school today preparing to welcome back your children tomorrow.

Topics and Curriculum:

The new topic letters and topic snapshots will be sent out next week via Parent Hub (with a hard copy of the Topic Snapshot going home with your child). Please ensure you keep the Topic Snapshot to support your child with their Topic learning for this term. It represents the key factual data the children need to have absorbed by the end of the topic and will be referred to throughout the term in class and for homework.

Communication:

We continue to use Parent Hub for all our parent communications. This has saved us a large amount of money over the last couple of years by avoiding paper and photocopying costs as well as the large cost associated with sending communications by text message. If you have not yet got the Parent Hub app installed or are having any problems with receiving notifications please do contact us. Instructions on how to install the app and register your child are in the Wednesday Community Notices Newsletter which, as well as being sent out every week, is on the newsletter page of the website.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is vital to your child making progress. Please ensure your children are in school every day and on time. Children should be in their class ready to start the day by 9am – not arriving onto site at this time. If your child is unwell, please ensure you phone the school as soon as possible to inform us. You need to do this every day they are absent, not just the first day.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment please request that it be out of school hours. If this is not possible they should come into school before and/or after depending on the timing. It is rare an appointment would require a full day to be missed. Thank you for your continued support in maximising the time your child has to learn in school and in helping them build resilience and a positive learning attitude.

Lunches:

If you plan to change your child's lunch – either from packed lunch to school dinner or the other way round please do communicate any change straight away to the school office so you are not over-charged. The kitchen prepare meals for children each day based on the information we have. If a lunch is prepared for a child it will be charged for.

Equipment and things needed to be brought in:

- **Water:** Please send your child in to school with a water bottle (put their name on it) so that they have access to water throughout the day. They will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day. We know hydration is very important to support attention.
- **Stationary:** As is usual, all writing equipment and exercise books are provided by the school. If children do want to bring in their own pencil case and stationary items they are free to do so but it is not required.

- **PE Kit:** Children need to have PE kit to wear on the PE day. Coach Keleigh's sessions with Y1-Y6 will continue to be Mondays. Up to Year 4 are free to wear PE kit to school rather than need to change if they prefer. Year 5 and 6 need to bring in a change of clothes for hygiene reasons.
- **Swimming:** The class going swimming this term will be Year 5. They will go every day for a two week period from the 20th – 30th March. More details will be provided to Year 5 families closer to the time.

Homework and Home learning:

In Year 1-6 we will continue to use 'Seesaw', the online learning platform, to deliver homework. We will also continue to use 'Mathletics' and 'Times Table Rockstars' to support learning in school and for children to practice key skills at home.

Obviously to access these online learning resources children will need access to the internet and a suitable device (not a phone!). If you have any problems in this area please speak to us and we can try to arrange support so the children do not miss out through lack of access. If your child is unsure of their individual login details for any of the online learning resources please consult the class teacher.

Clubs:

Clubs will start from Monday 9th January. You will be receiving a link to a 'google form' today to request places in this terms clubs. Please ensure that you complete this by Thursday so that we can inform all families on Friday what places have been allocated. As you will have seen in previous communications and newsletters, we would love to have some parent volunteers to run some clubs. At Fleet we try to run as many of our clubs using volunteers and in school staff as possible so that we can continue to offer them at a low price and make them as accessible as possible. Thank you to those parents who came forward last term to run clubs. Please contact the office if you are able to offer anything for future terms.

Class Assemblies:

These fantastic class performances continue this term. The next one is the last week of this half term with year 6 kicking us off. While we endeavour to stick to these dates, should any need to be changed we will inform you as soon as we can. Provisional dates for this term are below. As usual these will all start at 10am:

- **Year 6** – Friday 10th February
- **Year 5** – Friday 24th February
- **Year 4** – Friday 3th March
- **Year 2** – Friday 10th March
- **Year 3** – Friday 17th March
- **Year 1** – Friday 24th March

Parents Meetings:

This terms meetings will be held across 2 days. For most classes these will be **Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March** after school (some classes may differ on one of the days due to individual circumstances for the class teacher's availability).

In this meeting as well as an update on how your child is doing there will be a discussion around the progress towards the targets discussed in last term's meeting and what the targets will be moving forward in Maths and English. Closer to the date there will be a sign up sheet to select a specific time slot of one of the offer dates.

Whole school events:

- **Thursday 2nd February** – Year 1 Maths Open Morning @ 9-9.30am
- **Friday 3rd February** – Y2-Y6 Maths Open Morning @ 9-9.30am
- **Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th February** – Safer Internet Day activities – internet safety workshops for children (a parent session is planned exact date to be determined – more info nearer the time)

- **Monday 20th February – Friday 3rd March** – Bike training in school for Y3, Y1 and EYFS – specific timetable to be arranged – children to bring in bikes for their days if they have – more info nearer the time
- **Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day – Dressing up and other events – more info nearer the time
- **Thursday 30th March** – International Food Evening Event 5-7pm – bring a dish to share with the school community

Trips and Visits:

Details of the trips for your child’s class for those already booked will be shared in topic letter coming home next week. We will send letters in advance of any trips via parent hub. As is usual, we are dependent on parent and carer support on trips to enable us to offer them. Let your child’s teacher know if you are able to support on any upcoming trips.

Term Dates:

This year’s dates are up on the school website at the following address. For your information I include the dates for this term below:

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/about-us/dates>

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2023
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March 2023 – finish at 2pm

Office:

Most enquiries can be dealt with either over the phone or via email (admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk). Myself, or other members of the school Senior Leadership team are on hand during drop offs and can also pass on any messages you might have for the class teachers. Please bear in mind that the busiest periods for the office are the beginning and end of the day – dealing with enquiries either in person, or replying to emails/phone calls, may take longer at these times.

I’d like to thank you for your continued support and trust as we prepare for another successful term. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow when we welcome back the children.

Yours Sincerely,



Don M'Gibbon - Head Teacher