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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new year at Monks Orchard Primary School. We hope you have all had a great holiday and that your children are refreshed and ready to get back to their learning. As always, there are a number of things to let you know and to remind you about at the start of the school year.

Thank you to everybody who completed the questionnaire we sent out at the end of last year. There were many positive comments but it is clear that we need to involve you more in the life of the school and to be better at sharing with you all of the exciting and incredible things your children are doing at Monks Orchard. We hope that the monthly newsletters we introduced last year are a good start, but we have more plans to involve you this year:

You asked us to bring back the Autumn Term Parent/Carer Meeting, which we have done (see below for more details).

We are planning a "Bring your Parent/Carer to School Week," for the week beginning 4 November.

We will be setting up a Parents'/Carers' Forum, so that your voice can be heard more effectively (details to come soon).

We will be holding a tree planting day for parents/carers and children later this term.

Our discos are always popular, but this year we are hoping to hold social events for parents/carers, without children. If you have any ideas for one of these events, please let Mr Fairbairn know.

Do please remember that your first port of call, if you have any questions or concerns must always be your child's class teacher. They will always do their best to make themselves available for you but after school is a much better time to catch them than the beginning of the day; when they are trying to get their classes inside and to start their learning as quickly as possible.

### **Induction Meetings**

Induction meetings for parents and carers are next week, you should have received a text already telling you which day:

- Year 1 – Thursday 12 September
- Year 2 – Wednesday 11 September
- Year 3 – Tuesday 10 September
- Year 4 – Tuesday 10 September
- Year 5 – Tuesday 10 September
- Year 6 – Thursday 12 September

There will be a meeting at 15:30 and one at 17:30, you only need to attend one of these.

### **Parent/Carer Meetings**

As we said in the newsletter that went out at the end of last term, we are bringing back the autumn term individual parent/carers meetings, as a number of you asked. The meetings will be on Tuesday, 29 October. On this day, we will close the school at 13:45, so that meetings can begin at 14:00 and carry on until 18:30. This will allow us to schedule meetings for everybody in just the one day and will be for both parents/carers and children. We will open the after school club early on 29 October, for parents who are not able to collect their children at 13:45.

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### **School Uniform**

As it is the start of the school year, we are going to have a big push on children wearing the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear. Please make sure your child wears the correct uniform every day. Please remember that all polo-shirts, sweat-shirts, jumpers and cardigans must display the school badge (old style or new style are both fine); iron-on badges are available from the office.

The uniform statement is available on the school website: <https://www.factrust.org/mouniform>

You will also find a link on this page to our school uniform supplier, Mapac.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We still have places available in our Breakfast and After School Clubs.

Breakfast Club costs just £4 per session.

After School Club is just £9 per session, for the first child and £8 per session for further children (siblings).

More details and forms can be found on our website:

<https://www.factrust.org/mobreakfastafterschoolclub>

### **Possible General Election**

We are monitoring the news from Westminster very carefully at the moment. Though we know that nothing is certain, if a general election is called, it is highly likely that the school will be closed on the day for use as a polling station. We will let you know straight away if and when we have more information.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- w/b 9 September—Introductory Parent/Carer Meeting, see above.
- w/b 7 October—Book Week (Launch of Sponsored Reading Event).
- 18 October—PTA Halloween Discos.
- 18 October – last day of half term.
- 28 October – children return to school.
- 29 October – Parent/Carer meetings.
- w/b 4 November – Bring your parent/carers to school week.
- w/b 11 November – Anti-Bullying Week.
- 11 November – Sponsored Sport Event.
- 5 December – PTA Panto.
- 10 & 11 Dec – Trip to panto at Fairfield Halls.

*(More details for events to follow)*

We look forward to working with you to make this another successful and exciting year at Monks Orchard Primary School.

Thank you for support,



Guy Fairbairn  
Headteacher