

St Day and Carharrack Primary School

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WELCOME BACK TO EVERYONE!

We hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed the sunshine with family and friends. It is lovely to see all your children excited to be back in school. A special warm welcome to our Reception children, new children across the school and new families. Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday 23rd September for an informal 'Welcome Afternoon' with food available so please save the date. More information will follow shortly.

We have a 'Whizz, Bang, Popping' start to the new school year with all classes focused on a Science topic for this term. This will help us all to work scientifically and to become superb scientists across the school. You will receive a 'curriculum overview' for your child tomorrow - so you are aware of all the exciting learning and can be part of your child's journey of discovery. Every class has planned a 'real project' resulting in a final event, product or celebration in time for Christmas. We will be launching science week with Roald Dahl Day - concocting potions and lotions from our favourite stories and of course- dressing-up! To enjoy all things scientific, we have a fabulous scientific touring company setting up in school for a day – and wowing us all. In addition, every class will be out and about in the local community and further afield on trips. This is to ensure our children enjoy real experiences to help them apply their learning skills across the curriculum.

To make all this possible and to ensure the safety of your child at all times, we need your time and support in completing the six forms below (a whole set needs to be completed for each child in your family) and returning all of them to school as a priority by **Monday 10th September**. These forms comply with the new data protection regulations and so replace previous forms you have completed. We are centralising all our systems and it is crucial that we input all the correct information for your child and have at least three emergency contact numbers. **Every child will receive an A4 envelope on Friday 7th, containing the following crucial documents which need to be returned in the envelope for Monday – without these your child will be unable to access all areas of the curriculum including IT, new clubs, Breakfast Club and Funzone:**

If you require help completing these forms, then please pop into the office on Monday.

1. **Data Collection Form** – to be checked and amended for each child in your family
2. **Trip Consent Form** – this will cover your child for the whole year 2018-2019
3. **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Application** – If you think you might be eligible, we urge you to complete this form to secure £200 credit for your child and to enable our school to benefit from this additional funding.
4. **Photographic/Video Consent Form** – this will cover your child for their remaining time here

5. **Internet Access Form** - [this will cover your child for their remaining time here](#)
6. **Clubs Form** – [Funzone will be every day. A new clubs list will be out tomorrow with sign- up required.](#)

All the above forms need to be returned and completed before being considered for a club place. Priority for new clubs will be given to families returning forms on time as there may well be a waiting list.

Reminders and Changes

- **FUNZONE- will be in the hall** each evening with collection from the side door (the same as breakfast club). There will be a price review for these clubs with effect from October half term.
- **School Dinners through Caterlink – now cost £2.32** a day (£11.60 for the week). Please remember that children moving from Yr 2 to Yr3 no longer receive universal free meals and need to pay for school dinners. If you think you might be eligible for free school dinners, please complete the Pupil Premium form.
- **We are still accepting 'FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRES' and 'REPORT COMMENTS'** from the summer term. Unfortunately, we have only received 16 report comments (9%) and 21 questionnaires (11%) from parents. Your opinions are important to us in making improvements for your child's future.
- Please can all library books be returned to school – if you have accumulated books over the year – we will gladly accept them back for all children to enjoy!
- If you would like to purchase a new book bag, they are available in the office for £3.00

Thank you to all the families supporting us with parking this morning. We have listened to your opinions and want to work together to find solutions which will keep our children safe. We are striving towards making this area a safe walking place for all children to be able to walk to and from school without a threat to their lives and for you as parents to know they are safe. One solution we are considering is to have a 'walking bus' from the top of the road. However, we firstly need your support in making this a safe road for children to walk down during the morning and afternoon. Please make extra time in the morning to ensure you park away from the school and still get your child to school for 8.55am. Thank you.

The children have had a great day getting to know their new teacher and class. Our new Reception children have been exceptional and showed real courage in joining the whole school for Assembly. We are all excited for the year ahead and very much look forward to working with you all in ensuring your children achieve the best possible outcomes and are happy during their time at St Day and Carharrack. Next week, you will hear all about how we are 'growing our brains'!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I will be available at the beginning and end of each day or you can arrange an appointment through the office.

Yours sincerely,

Susannah Storey - Headteacher