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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we always have development plans for the curriculum and the provisions we make for the whole community. On the second page I have shared the key priorities for our school development this year. Any new initiatives will be focused on these areas.

### Staff news

Sadly Mrs Martel will be leaving us today to take on new challenges. She has been an amazing asset to our Year 1 team and many children have benefited from the partnership she has had with Mrs McClean and other Year 1 teachers. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her the best for the future.

### PE days– Important Change

We have decided that on the days the children have PE lessons they should come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the day rather than normal uniform. This will have several benefits

- Reduces time wasted in the curriculum for changing and increases PE time
- Improves privacy for the children rather than changing in school in front of other children.
- No lost/forgotten PE kit or missing items left on a cloakroom peg

We will start this process from Monday 3rd October (next week). I have asked the teachers to remind you on Friday of your PE days so you are prepared. A reminder that PE is a house coloured t-shirt, shorts or dark coloured leggings/joggers with the weather becoming colder. They can wear their school cardigan/jumper over the top as well if needed. They can also wear their trainers for the day. PE kit should be appropriate for a range of sports and no jewellery should be worn including earrings. Please leave earrings at home as we cannot accept responsibility for them.

Best wishes

*Mrs Coughlin*  
*Head Teacher*



## Walk to School Challenge WOW

This year we are participating in the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge to promote to our children about adding active travel into their routes to school.

I have attached a letter on Dojo explaining how this works and how the children can earn their badges. We are aware that some children do live too far away to make this possible and so the Pupil Voice group will look at ways to enable everyone to be included.

It's also a great time to prompt everyone that next week is Cycle To School Week.



## PTA Family Bingo

Flyers are coming out today with a booking form for Family Bingo and Rocking Bingo on the 14th October. This is a family event and children are unable to attend unaccompanied.

It is great fun with cash prizes to be won—so eyes down and watch out for the two little ducks—Quack Quack!



## School Development Priorities 2022-2023

- To ensure the boys make better progress in writing
- To develop the teaching of Geography
- To ensure access to a wide range of clubs and activities
- To ensure that all children have access to teaching and extra curricular activities that promote personal development and wellbeing
- To ensure the staff team have access to professional development and wellbeing
- To continue to refine our Inclusive practice
- To work towards Gold Accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools



### Harvest Festival

Next Friday we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children. As we did last year, we will be creating a collection of non-perishable items that can be donated to the Food Bank which in these current times is a gesture that I am sure will be appreciated by many families in need.

Thank you

Find out more; <https://youtube/op0zWJw1Hs0>



Diary Dates

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



October		November	
7th	Harvest Festival assemblies and food collection	1st and 2nd	Parent Consultation evenings
14th	PTA Bingo	10th	PTA AGM 3pm PTA Prosecco and Presents shopping evening 6pm
24th – 28th	Half Term week	December	
		2nd	Christmas Fayre 1.15pm

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