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Dear Parents,
Welcome back!

I hope that your children have all enjoyed their first few days at school and are settling in happily. The staff and I are all fully rested after the summer break and look forward to doing the best that we can to help every single child to be the best that they can be during the next year. I'm sure that we will have lots of delightful adventures along the way as the year progresses!

WELCOME!

The new school year always brings new faces into school and it is always a pleasure to greet the children coming to school for their first "proper" day.

A big Landscope welcome to our 15 new starters in Class 1 this September: Thea, Thomas, Scarlett, Eleanor, Beth, Rafael, Florence, Aggie, William, Tobias, Harry, Emilia, Ivy, Marlo and Milo ~

don't they all look smart in their new school uniform!

I am delighted to also welcome Tristan to class 2 and Seren to class 3. .

I hope that they all enjoy their Landscope days whilst learning lots and playing full roles in the life of the school.



STAFFING NEWS

MISS TRIST joins us as the main teacher in Class 2(sharing with me). We offer her a very warm welcome!

LINDA WILSON joins us as the school cook ~ and what a grand job she's done in the last 3 days! We look forward to some delicious delights over the coming weeks.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Talking of Linda...I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has sent in such positive messages about our new school dinners; they really are exceeding our expectations and we're looking forward to more delicious delights as the term rolls on.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

Do take a look on our school website, the latest information on the Rolling Programmes for each class this year and topic webs for this term can be found in individual Class folders. I am assured these will be published over the weekend.



Reception children enjoying PE with Mr Tanner this week

PE, TRAINERS & KIT IN GENERAL

The start of the new year is a good time to remind you that children do need “proper” kit for PE lessons. Please would you check that your child does have the correct kit and that it is in school every week, all week, from Monday to Friday. The correct kit varies according to age but certainly includes shorts, t-shirts and trainers supplemented by jogging bottoms and warmer tops for when the weather gets cooler (all named please). If this kit is in school, in a smallish bag it creates a “fail safe” situation that allows weather related changes to be accommodated when required.

You may be aware of the government initiative to ensure all children have daily physical activity; with this in mind, the staff have designed a variety of activities, which will certainly get the heart rates up! These activities are in addition to our 2 hours of weekly PE lessons. We will need your help to make sure all children have their trainers in school every day. Thank you.

FOLS ~ from Kate

For those who are new to Landscope our PTFA is Friends of Landscope School (FOLS). We are an active group and over the past few years have raised significant funds to support the school and buy those extras which school budgets do not allow, including the outdoor classroom, the play equipment on the field, forest school equipment and new interactive smart boards for each of the classrooms and a school mini bus! We also help to fund Arts week and Science week in the school. You will see a FOLS section in most of the regular newsletters but also from time to time we send out FOLS e-mails too. If you would like to be included in the FOLS mailing list please e-mail fols@outlook.com letting us know your child's name and class.

We also have a Facebook group; search FOLS Friends of Landscope School and request to be added as a member.

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We have our **AGM on Wednesday 18th September 3:30pm at school**. Everyone is invited to come along and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles and meet the committee. We already have nominees for each of the positions on the committee so don't worry about being coerced into taking a position. Hope to see as many of you as possible on the 18th.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL ~ a message from Valda Smith

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages, but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best? Bag2School has the answer – Collect all your unwanted items and drop off at school first thing on Friday 4th October and Valda will organise the 'pick up'. The more the bags weigh the more they will pay!

SAFEGUARDING: SCHOOL ARRIVAL / END OF DAY PROCEDURES

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8:45, when members of staff will be on duty in the playground to receive the children. Please do not bring them in before this time as they will be unsupervised. Reception children arrive through the main front door~ this enables us to keep the front gate locked and all our little people in school! The school day ends at 3:25 for Reception and KS1 and 3:30 for KS2, a prompt pick up would be much appreciated as staff often have meetings to attend after school. Thank you for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE:

Every School Day Counts

Every school day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. If we took a maths test 90% would be great; but do you know what it really means when looking at attendance?

% attendance	Days lost in a year	By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean...
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed Up to 45 lessons	10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost Up to 270 lessons
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed Up to 95 lessons	22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost(almost 2 terms) Up to 570 lessons lost
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed(½ a term) Up to 140 lessons	33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year) Up to 840 lessons lost

We know that attendance monitoring causes concern but we are required to monitor and report all attendance data each week.

This remains a priority for our school~ I really would appreciate your support in meeting the attendance targets set for us!

SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	3:30-5:30 After school care with Amy Raymont(TA) 3:30-4:30 Premier Sports KS2 Archery Club
Tuesday	7:45 Breakfast Club with Tash Kearle (TA) 3:30-5:30 After school care with Amy Raymont (TA)

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	3:30-4:30 SSW Soccer club KS2 (starting Tues 10 th Sept) 3:30-4:30 Premier Sports Gymnastics club Y1-3
Wednesday	7:45 Breakfast Club with Tash Kearle (TA) 3:30-5:30 After school care with Amy Raymont (TA) New: (Thank you Alexis!) Art Club for Y1-3 3:40-4:40 starting on 18 th September running for 5 weeks. Max 15 children. £3 per session. Please see Jo to book.
Thursday	7:45 Breakfast Club with Tash Kearle (TA) 3:30-5:30 After school care with Amy Raymont (TA) 3:30- 4:30 Sport Club with Matthew Tanner, our Sports Coach: KS2Tag Rugby £3 per session, starting 12 th September. Please see Jo to book.
Friday	12:30-1:10 Song machine for Y2-Y6 (later this term)

NB parents need to book direct with premier sports via links that will be sent out soon.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS MUSIC LESSONS

To support our school philosophy that values the arts and creativity we offer a variety of lessons each week where children can learn how to play a musical instrument. This is beyond what we offer in our curriculum music lessons. We currently have the following on offer:

- *Keyboard, Clarinet and recorder with Mrs Collins
- *Brass lessons with Sam Massey on a Wednesday
- *Guitar and Ukulele with Simon Scott every Friday. Simon is offering individual or small group lessons

If you are interested in any of these you need to speak to Jo who will then put you in touch with our teachers and they will explain all the details including the cost.

MUSIC: WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

KS2 will start the term with handchimes and Glockenspiels! This will be building on our repertoire from last year when we spent lessons learning brass instruments. Later in the year we hope to have a ukulele expert joining our music lessons.



COMING UP:

Tuesday 10 th Sept	3:10 parents invited to Class 2 meet your teacher & find out about what's coming up this year
Wednesday 11 th September	12:30 Reception parents meeting 3:10 parents invited to Class 3 meet your teachers & find out about what's coming up this year
Thursday 12 th September	3:10 parents invited to Class 4 meet your teacher & find out about what's coming up this year
Tuesday 17 th September	Class 4 trip to Morwellham Quay
Looking further ahead~ giving you time to book these special dates...	
Tuesday 11 th December	6pm KS2 Christmas Performance 1 ~ C3 parents & families
Wednesday 12 th December	2pm Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm KS2 Christmas Performance 1 ~ C4 parents & families

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I think that's it! In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything to do with the school or your child please come in and talk to us or get in touch by phone or email. Our door is always open
Have a good weekend
Jill Ryder