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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and support as we have settled into the new school year. I trust your children have adjusted to the new routine and are enjoying school. If you have any issues or concerns at any stage, please just give me a call.

Morning Routine

Our new morning routine has been working very well; thank you for your co-operation. Please do not send children into school before 8.30am. Remember also, that classes commence at 9.00am.



Transfer (P7s)

Just a reminder of the dates of the AQE assessments;

- Sat 12th November
- Sat 26th November
- Sat 3rd December

Flu Vaccines

The School Nurse will administer the flu vaccine to all children on Thursday 10th November. You have already received notification about this – please return the form to school by next Wednesday 5th October.

After-School Activities

Our Extra-Curricular programme is now in full swing. In order to avoid unnecessary phone calls from the school office, please ensure your child is aware of the after-school arrangements and has brought everything to school (kit etc) in preparation for that.

Choir – in order to prepare properly for upcoming events, no children may join the choir after next Monday 3rd October.



Open Day

We plan to hold our annual Open Day for prospective P1 children and parents on the afternoon of 11th November 1.30-3.30pm. Please pass this information on to anyone you feel would be interested. Full details and a timetable for the afternoon are available on the school website.

<http://thediamondps.weebly.com/announcements--dates/open-day-11th-november-2016>



Parent Interviews

Our Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October. School will close at 12.00 noon for all children on both days.

You will receive notice of an appointment very soon. We will endeavour to accommodate everyone as best we can.

Duvet Day

P7s will enjoy Duvet Day again this year on 11th November, the day before the first AQE test. This has proven to be a great way for the children to relax and

de-stress before these tests. More information will follow.

Cash for Clobber

We are continuing to recycle old clothes, shoes, bags etc as part of our 'Cash for Clobber' scheme. Please leave any bags of unwanted items into the school; the next collection will be on Thursday 27th October.

School Meals

Please send all money for the week's school meals each Monday morning. This helps us greatly in processing the meals orders efficiently. Meals can still be ordered throughout the week but it's great to have

as many of the details as possible sorted out each Monday morning.

The menu for October is now on the school website. <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/dinner-menu.html>

Seesaw

I hope you are enjoying the Seesaw app. We love it! It's a fantastic way to share work with home and a great motivating factor for the children. We will be making some changes to the Seesaw setup and I'd ask that you save any pictures that you wish to keep as we may need to start from scratch again very shortly. Sorry about this, but we are hoping to gain even more benefits from Seesaw and setting this up may result in losing content shared up to this point. More information will follow.

Dates for the Diary (also online)

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October - Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 25th October - Harvest Celebration (morning and afternoon)
Friday 28th October - 12pm finish
Monday 31st - Friday 4th November inclusive - Half term break
Monday 7th November - school closed for Teacher Training
Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair (evening) - To be confirmed
Tuesday 20th December - school finishes at 12pm
Wednesday 21st December - Tuesday 3rd January - Christmas Holiday (Tues 3rd is Teacher Training Day)
2nd Term commences for all children on Wednesday 4th January



Yours sincerely,

M Beattie (Principal)