The Acorns Primary & Nursery School



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UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO LOLLIPOP LADY UNTIL OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> & CWAC ARE UNABLE TO COVER HER ABSENCE.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### September

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:20pm: New Reception parents meeting

3:15pm – Tasting session for families for

our school lunch menu. All welcome!

#### October

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2:20pm: New Reception parents meeting

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> –** 3:15pm: 2 wonderful pupils donate their hair to charity on the KS1 playground! Please come and support!

Mon 9th – 2:20pm: Final new Reception parents mtg

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Evenings & Book Look

Fri 20th – Finish for half term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – ALL back for Autumn Term 2

Residentials: please put these dates in your diary:

Year 4 Residential to London: Date in 2024 to be confirmed.

Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### JOIN US THIS MONDAY FOR OUR TASTER SESSION WITH ORIAN!

On **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, straight after school in the main hall, our catering company Orian, are putting on a tasting session for parents and pupils.

This is an opportunity to have a small taste of many of the items that will be introduced soon as part of their winter menu. It is hugely beneficial to the children to have the chance to taste these meals before they choose with parents at home, so please do come if you can.

The event is totally free and always well-attended. You never know, parents may find something new you like too!

## DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH BEHAVIOURS AT HOME?

If your child or children can be tricky at home and you would like some ideas and support, please see page 2 for details of a course we are hosting, led by the Mental Health Team. This is a 7-week course and they are holding a Taster Session in school on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please speak to Mrs Bentley if you would like any further info or have any questions.

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Despite it being a new school year, we are unfortunately spotting that some of our pupils do not have the correct uniform. We place a lot of value on our pupils looking smart and taking pride in their appearance. Wearing the appropriate school uniform is a key part of representing our school and it also supports pupils in preparing for the next phase of their education, as the uniform expectations in most secondary schools are very strict! Therefore, please ensure that your child has the uniform listed below:

- Short sleeved polo t-shirt in white (plain) or navy blue (with the school logo on) (NOT light blue & NOT shirts)
- Black, navy or grey trousers, skirts or dresses (not leggings)
- In summer term, black, navy or grey shorts and blue and white checked dresses can be worn
- Blue jumper or cardigan <u>with the school logo</u>
- Grey, black or white socks
- Black sensible shoes, black trainers, or boots. These must be ALL black, which includes black soles and no coloured ticks or other symbols on them

We also realise that times are tough and therefore offer FREE Pre-Loved uniform, which can be taken from the rail in the main entrance.

All of this uniform has been kindly donated and has been washed and hung, ready to be re-homed.

School also has multiple pairs of black shoes and pumps, which can be provided to those pupils who do not have appropriate shoes.

# GUIDED <u>SELF HELP</u> FOR BETTER BEHAVIOUR – A PARENT GROUP



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port is pleased to offer this <u>7 week</u> evidence based intervention in a group setting for parents & carers who want to encourage better behaviour at home. Whilst this group is open to all families of Primary aged children, it may be especially useful to those with children in Foundation Stage and KS1.



We have arranged a <u>1 hour taster session</u> for any interested parents to attend. Following this session, we will meet with anyone wanting to participate in the group, just to ensure that it is right for you & your child. The taster session looks at; What is Challenging Behaviour? Understanding Children's Behaviour, Factors Impacting Child Behaviour, Parent Traps, What We Offer & What Happens in a Group Session. We hope to begin the group beginning of November 2023 on a Tuesday morning.

## TASTER SESSION

THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 @ 09.15am @ THE ACORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL (Pooltown Rd, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7ED) Parents from Brookside & Woodlands Primary schools are also warmly invited to this event hosted by The Acorns Primary School). Please come along, we would love to meet you! It is a great chance to learn more about the group & ask us any questions.



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