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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Nut Free** – As last year, we continue to have several children across all year groups including our nursery rooms, with allergies to nuts or nut based products, amongst other things. For some of them their reactions are very severe and could even be fatal. Can I remind you all that we are a completely Nut Free school, including if packaging says there may be a risk of cross-contamination. Can we please ask that you check the contents of any items that you are sending into school. We only have a few children who bring lunchboxes now, but we must ask that you are vigilant in checking your packaging to avoid any items that are nuts, contain nuts, may contain traces of nuts or may be contaminated. All staff are doing the same with their lunches, our catering company is aware of allergens and cater for this, and the teachers are adapting their planning for any food-based activities to ensure we do our best to keep your children safe. Thank you for your understanding and help in keeping everyone safe.

**Book bags** - There is a new trend, which many of you will already be well aware of, but I had never heard of before this week. Labubus and Lafufus. Whilst we encourage one small key-ring or identifier on the children's bags to help them with their independence skills in school, we ask that you limit this to one small thing, not the large toys, and remove any multiple items before Monday. A small item from home is a comfort to many children on their book bag but more than this, quickly becomes a distraction and can cause competition and unnecessary upset. We are also very limited for space. We will be talking to all the children about this today, so it should not come as a surprise to them if you have to remove some. Thank you.

**Management Information System** - Due to a Local Authority directive, we have been required to change our IT administrative and record keeping system to a cloud-based system. For us, this meant moving to a completely new system, which is called Arbor. Please bear with us during this time as there are lots of glitches that we have to fix as we go along. We thank you for your patience during this time.

**Contacts** – Please let us know straightaway if you have changed any of your emergency contacts, or changed any phone numbers over the holidays. You can drop into the office, phone or email.

**Sharing our children's learning** - As current parents will know, we use a variety of methods to share learning across our Nursery and School, as appropriate to each age-range, including our website, Google Classroom, our Facebook page, half-termly blue home books, parents' meetings and Tapestry in Nursery and Reception classes.

We have taken on board feedback from parents and know that Google Classroom (whilst essential during Covid) is not a particularly well-visited resource. We also see that the blue home books that we send home once per half-term are often not looked at. However, Tapestry, an app that we use in Nursery and Reception, does seem to be popular. In today's world, apps on phones seem to be the way forward. So, this year, we are going to trial using Tapestry across the school - our Website and Facebook page will continue, but we will not be updating Google Classroom or the blue home books from now. We will continue to invite you in once per half-term, either for a parent/carer's meeting or for a "book-look". We know you like the opportunities to come into school as we have had many positive comments from parents in the past, and we will continue to look for ways to provide this for you.

As I mentioned above, we are also dealing with a new IT system, but hope to have you all on Tapestry within the next couple of weeks. We will work as quickly as we can, and write to you again next week

with details of how to access this, hopefully each class/Nursery group will be ready to go. Look out for our email on Tapestry next week.

**Reading Volunteers** – We are always happy to welcome volunteers into school to help listen to children read. If you have an hour, here or there, and you would like to come in, please speak to your child's class teacher to let them know.

**Spare clothes for Nursery** - If you are having a clothes sort-out at home and can donate us any out-grown clothing in the age-range of 2-4/5, our Nursery staff would be extremely grateful. In the early days of toilet-training, the little ones can go through several outfits a day! Joggers, leggings, t-shirts, underwear, socks would all be extremely helpful. Please drop any items you can donate to the Nursery Reception area.

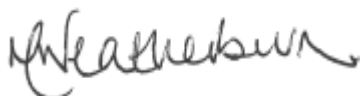
**Open morning** - We are having an open morning next week on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This is for prospective parents to visit our school ready to help them make decisions about applying for school places for any Nursery children who will start school in September 2026. We still have some availability between 10 and 11 o'clock. Please book with the main school Reception office if you would like to attend. We will have another opportunity during the following week on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September during the afternoon.

**Finally, but very importantly -**

**A parent was observed on Wednesday on the driveway, apparently filming or photographing children through the fences whilst they were at the Forest Rangers club. Can I please remind everyone that taking photographs or filming of any children on the school site is not permitted, even if you are only trying to photograph your own child. Other children may be accidentally captured in the image, and you do not have their parent's permission to take or share their images whilst on our school grounds. This applies to before and after school on the driveway, on the playground, and also after school through the fences whilst your children are at any of our after-school clubs. If you have taken any photographs, please ensure you delete them.**

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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