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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the first day of the new school year. We hope that you had a lovely summer break and it wasn't too hard dropping your children back off to school. To all of our new parents, welcome to The Priors family and we hope that you and your children enjoy being members of our community. Isn't it great that the sun has decided to appear for our first week back, instead of in the holidays...

It is wonderful coming back into school and hearing the buzz of children's voices! We introduced the children to our newest installation over the summer break – our ActiveAll boards. These boards are designed for developing children's hand-eye coordination, reaction time and are a cardiovascular workout have been purchased with our PE and sports premium. We are sure your children will talk to you about them!

We would also like to welcome our new members of staff to The Priors School. We have Miss Harris, who is our new teacher in the Starlings class, Mrs Jackson is returning to teach the Robins on Fridays and Mrs Lovesey, who will be working in our Breakfast Club and as a teaching assistant throughout the school, but predominantly in the Robins class initially. I am sure you will join me in wishing them happiness in our school.

You may have seen in the news the issues surrounding reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in schools. I would like to reassure you that following surveys we do not have any of this material within our school building and we are not at any risk of the issues that this material can cause.

As you may remember, we have moved our information management system to Arbor and asked you to sign up and check your children's information. We will be using Arbor for you to book after school activities for your children. We have resent all of login details today to all parents who have not logged in previously. This term the following activities are on offer:

Monday – 3.20 – 4.15 – Music with Mr Hudson (Reception – 6)

Monday – 3.20 – 4.00 - Games Club with Mrs Wynne (Years 1 -4)

Tuesday – 3.20 – 4.00 – Gymnastics with Mrs Logan (Years 3-6)

Wednesday – 3.20 – 4.00 – Disney Club with Miss Harris (Reception – 2)

Thursday – 3.20 – 4.20 – Multisports with Kits Academy (Reception – 6). **This club will be charged at £45 per term and will be placed on Parent Pay.**

Friday – 3.20 – 4.30 – Friday Fun Club (Reception – 6). **This club will be charged at £45 per term and will be placed on Parent Pay.**



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The Arbor website has an easy to use help page to support you with booking clubs and this can be found here: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008179494-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App#free-clubs-on-the-parent-portal-0-0>

Clubs will begin next week (week beginning 11th September). Music and Multisports will run until the end of the term, but all other clubs will finish the week before (week beginning 11th December). The booking window opens today at 3pm and closes at 3pm on Friday. If you miss these deadlines, please contact Fleur who will confirm if there are any spaces remaining for the club you require.

When you have confirmed your booking on Arbor, this means your child has secured a place on the club as we have set maximum numbers. If you attempt to book the club and there are no spaces remaining, unfortunately this means your child will not be able to attend the club this time. If you are booking a paid for club, you are confirming that you will make the payment for that club on ParentPay, which will be available for payment on Monday 11th September.

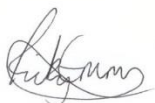
Following our parent survey last year, we are currently finalising our communication strategy with parents, to try and limit the number of letters and emails you receive. Where possible, we will collate all non-urgent, whole school communications in one email on a Friday afternoon. This should put everything into one place for you. Any urgent or class specific messages will be sent throughout the week as we currently do.

We would also like to remind you that if you have questions about things, please do look on the school website for information. All letters that are sent are published there and, if you subscribe to our calendar, all school events will automatically appear in your calendars. This way you will always have the information you need. If you have queries that cannot be solved through the website, please contact the school as your first point of call. Posting questions or complaints on Facebook or through the WhatsApp groups may not be the best way to receive the answer that you need. Please do call us, pop in or send us an email.

Finally, we are still working diligently on the process of joining The Warriner Multi-Academy Trust. We had aimed to join for this September, but due to delays at the Department for Education (DfE) and the Regional Schools Team, we have had to extend our timeframe. Everything has now been agreed and accepted at DfE level and we are beginning the legal process. If all goes smoothly, we are aiming for a January 2024 transfer date.

As always, we want to be an open, friendly school. If you have any thing you would like ask us, or need help with, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,



Ricky Emms
Head teacher