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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a pleasant summer with your children and have had successful holidays if you managed to get away. This first letter of the year includes some important reminders.

Swimming Year 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

Swimming lessons at Penrith Swimming Pool resume on Wednesday 12th September for all pupils in Years 3 to 6. There will be 10 sessions on Wednesday's (1.30 – 2.00pm) this term. Children will travel by coach and return to school for 3.00 pm in time for school transport.

As usual we would be very grateful if you could make a contribution of £2.50 per session per child to help cover travel expenses. This can be paid weekly or as a block payment of £25.

Travel to School

Please let us know on the reply slip if your child comes to school unaccompanied / with an adult (includes taxi driver). If unaccompanied children do not arrive by registration we will contact parents, therefore it is important to let us know by 8.45 am if they are going to be absent from school. If we get no phone call by 9.30 am, we are required to phone you to check that your child is safely at home, and also to confirm school dinner numbers.

Absences

Can I remind parents that an absence note or a telephone call is required for all absences. If we have no notification we are required to report it to the Local Authority as an unauthorised absence. A message with another child is not sufficient, but is useful as a back up.

School Meals

School dinner money and milk payments are paid for in advance, either at the beginning of the term or weekly on a Monday morning. (No school dinner money required for children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2).

Naming clothes

During warmer weather, children often take off their sweatshirts and it is **essential** to have names (or even initials) on the label. Please check to see if names have washed out.

Jewellery

County regulations require that jewellery should not be worn for school for safety reasons. Simple stud earrings (not hoops or dangly earrings) may be worn but must be removed (by the pupil) for P.E.

Shoes / Trainers

Please equip your children with sensible shoes for school. High heels; shoes that easily slip off when children are running around at playtime e.g. pumps, are not safe. Older pupils wear training shoes for games on the field. If they also wear black training shoes for school, please can you ensure that for hygiene reasons they have a second pair for P.E. lessons. Football boots and shin pads must be worn for after school football clubs.

Mobile phones

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones/iphones to school.

Sweets in School

As a health conscious school could we please ask that sweets are not brought into school. e.g. to give out after holidays or as part of packed lunches or playtime snacks.

Children in Year R, 1, and 2 will get fruit for morning break through the Free Fruit for Schools scheme. Other children may bring fruit or raw vegetables for break if they wish. We ask that sweets/cakes are not sent in for birthday and holiday treats.

Occasionally, for example at Christmas, teachers will give out sweets as treats/presents/prizes.

Health Information

In order to keep our records up to date, could you please make sure we know about any health conditions that affect your child. This is particularly important with regard to asthma or allergies. It is vital that children with asthma have an inhaler in school at all times. They **MUST** take one to the swimming pool with them, and on all other out of school visits.

Head Lice

A reminder to check your child's hair for head lice on a weekly basis. This is particularly important after the holidays, when children will have been mixing with a wider range of friends. In the first instance the fine comb and conditioner method is still the recommended procedure. This must be carried out for no less than 3 weeks to cover the whole breeding cycle of the head lice.

Please ensure that for hygiene and safety reasons long hair must be tied back in school. We have been instructed by the health authority not to inform parents of an outbreak, but to remind parents there is always a possibility for your child to pick up head lice. Further help and advice is available on www.nhs.uk

Parent Help

We are always grateful for offers of parental help in school. This may be in various ways, listening to readers, helping with practical lessons e.g. art, technology, running an after school club, assisting with trips to the swimming pool, odd jobs around school (e.g. putting up shelves) or accompanying us on educational visits. Or you might have some other special talent! Please let your child's teacher know if you are willing by filling in the reply slip.

Parent letters by e-mail

We are continuing to encourage parents to receive parent letters by email and we use the BCC facility to ensure confidentiality of email addresses. So if you are not already on our email letter address book, and are able to receive the school news via email please let Alison Mckenzie know. Don't forget to let us know if your email address has changed (See reply slip).

We will continue to send paper copies of reply slips so you don't have to do the printing.

Annual Consent Form - for regular out of school visits and photography and images.

You will find these forms attached to this letter could you please read them carefully, complete **both** consent forms and return them to school.

A Plea to parents from the taxi companies

Could you please ensure that you inform the taxi company if your child will not be travelling on the taxi, for example if they are on a trip, after Church Services, concerts etc, or after-school activities.

We hope all your children have a happy and successful year.