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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year! Unfortunately Mrs Beaven is still unable to return to school at present. Mrs Sutherland will continue to take on the role of Acting Headteacher in her absence.

Events

Here are some important dates in advance for your diaries:

- **Jeans for Genes Day** – Friday 21st September
- **Harvest Festival** – Friday 28th September (13:30-14:30 at All Saint's Church)
- **Half Term** – Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day this year to make a difference to the 1 in 25 UK children living with a life-altering genetic disorder. Children will be able to wear non-school uniform providing they wear something denim and bring a 50p donation in support of this.

Harvest Festival will take place at All Saint's Church, Military Road from 13.30 onwards. Parents are more than welcome to come along and can take children home from the church. If you are not able to attend and need to pick up your child(ren) from school you can do so at 15:00 as usual. As part of Harvest Festival we will be collecting donations for the food bank from Monday 24th September.



Attendance

As it is the beginning of a new year I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the importance of good attendance. Your child's attendance continues to remain a focus for the school. Every child should be in unless there is a sufficient reason not to be such as illness. Persistent absence and lateness has a huge impact on your child and every other child in their class. Children with less than 90% attendance will have lost, at least, 113.5 hours of education. We are unable to authorise any holiday in term time and will apply for a Fixed Penalty Notice from the local authority should you decide to take your child out of school for a family holiday.

School starts at 8.45am – any children arriving after this are considered late. Children are able to arrive from 8.40am when class doors open unless they are attending the free Breakfast Club which runs from 8.10-8.30am. When dropping your child(ren) off to school in the mornings we encourage

you to leave them at the doors and allow them to enter the school buildings on their own. This is partly to encourage the children to be independent but also to ensure the safeguarding of all our children, we cannot allow parents to be wandering around the school unattended. If you need to speak to a member of staff within the school please use the main entrance at the school office to do so.

Class	Attendance figures for week ending 14 th September 2018
Archimedes	91.2%
Leonardo Di Vinci	85.9%
Thomas Edison	89.1%
Isaac Newton	95.7%
Rosalind Franklin	81.3%
Our attendance target is 95% Every minute counts!	

School Uniform

I would like to make a point of how smart and presentable the children are looking this term! I want to thank parents for their efforts in making sure their children are dressed in appropriate uniform and encourage you all to keep up the good work! Please ensure that school shoes are black and that children are sent in with appropriate footwear for PE. If you need to buy any items of school uniform we have stock here at the school office.



After school clubs

We have a superb range of after-school clubs running during Term 1 from Monday 17th September. If you would like your child(ren) to participate in one of the clubs below and have not already notified the school, please fill out a club letter from the school office. Please note that there are a limited number of spaces available and if a club is already fully subscribed your child might be placed on the waiting list.

Day	Club	Time	Year	Run by?
Monday	Tag Rugby	3-4PM	R-6	Canterbury Academy
Monday	Gardening	3-4PM	3-6	Mrs Simmons & Ms Brown
Monday	Lego	3-4PM	ALL	Mrs Hardie
Tuesday	Story Time	3-4PM	R-2	Mr Lester
Wednesday	Dodgeball	3-4PM	ALL	Football Futures
Thursday	Football	3-4PM	ALL	Football Futures
Thursday	Computer Gaming	3-4PM	3-6	Mr Allen

Kind regards,

Gina Sutherland

Acting Headteacher