

CANNON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to beginning the new academic year.

I'd like to begin by apologising once again for the delay to the start of term. Despite our very best efforts to move things along during the summer break, the construction team were not able to meet the deadlines that they had previously set and consequently the Local Authority took the difficult decision to delay opening for safety reasons.

I'm pleased to say that significant progress has been made in the last few days and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday morning.

Our new kitchen is now completed as are most of the classrooms in the new building. It is likely to take another week or two before the last few classrooms and group rooms are handed over to the school. There is still some ground work to complete on the playground (where the huts used to be) and we have been told that all of the work should be finished by the half term break.

I know that this has been a noisy and disruptive process and I am very grateful for your understanding throughout this project. On a positive note, our new building looks amazing and will provide us with a state of the art learning environment for the future.



One of our new Year 3 classrooms



External view (now an enclosed central 'quad')

New Reception Children

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children on Monday. They have been allocated times of either 9am-11am or 1pm -3pm. Reception parents are invited to come into school with their children and gather in the downstairs hall at the beginning of the session to meet their new class teachers. Parents will have the opportunity to go into the Reception classrooms with their children to help with the settling in process. This is in effect the same session that was planned to take place today.

Hot Meals Update

The team from Pride Catering have settled into our new kitchen and are ready to provide hot meals from Monday onwards. As I outlined in the last newsletter of the Summer Term, a letter will be sent home with your child (on Monday) providing you with a login and password for the new payment system (called Squid). Please log on to this as soon as possible to activate your account. The "How To Guide" provides steps on how to create a sQuid account and Register online and top up your account and will be available on the school website under the heading Information/school dinners. The menu for the next 3 weeks is now available on the school website.

There will no longer be an option to select your meal choice at home. Instead, children indicate at school that they would like a hot meal at the start of each day and they will be able to select their meal when they come to the service counter. This provides children with more choice and has proven to be a better system than pre-ordering. Pride Catering are very aware of the importance of meeting individual dietary needs and will ensure that systems are in place for vegetarian, halal, and other specified options.

Please be reminded that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get Free School Meals (funded by the Government).

Dropping off and Collecting Children from School

Staff will be on the playground at the end of the day next week to direct you if you need help!

Reception: During the induction period, please enter and exit via the main School front door. At the start of the day (or at 1pm for the afternoon session), you will be met at the front of the school (main Reception area) by the class teacher. From Monday 21st September, children should be dropped off at the school playground where they will be taken into class by their teacher.

Children from all other year groups should come onto the playground in the morning as they did last year. Parents are requested not to enter the playground before school.

Collecting at the end of the day:

Reception: From 21st September, Reception children should be collected from the external door of their classroom on the playground.

Year 1: All Year 1 children will be brought out to the playground (by the downstairs hall) at the end of the school day and handed over to parents/carers by the class teacher.

Year 2: Year 2 children will exit onto the playground via their outside classroom doors each day and be handed over to parents.

Year 3: Year 3 children will exit via the external doors to their classrooms. This is the new part of the school building. For the next few weeks, please wait near the blue canopy on the playground and class teachers will hand children over to you.

Year 4, 5 and 6: children will exit onto the playground as last year (staff will be available to direct you for the first few days of term). Arrangements may be slightly different for the next couple of weeks whilst we wait for building works to be completed.

Finally...

Another newsletter will be sent out at the end of next week providing you with an update on the building work along with further information about the school curriculum and extra-curricular clubs. Dates for the Autumn Term were sent out in July and are available on our school website.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Phillips
Headteacher