

Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Dear Parents and Carers (Years 1-6)

Welcome back to school at the start of the new school year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead.

We are beginning with a whole week of classroom activities designed to enable teachers and children to get to know each other, class routines and expectations within a structured framework of building personal and social skills. The themed week is entitled '**Marvellous Magical Me!**'

As an exciting launch for the autumn term, we have arranged for two days of **Circus Skills** workshops for **Years 1- 6** on Thursday and Friday this week. All the activities are planned to develop co-ordination, confidence and self-esteem as well as being great fun. The workshops are costly, and although they may be subsidised by the PTA, we would be very grateful if you can make a donation towards costs of £2 per child.

I apologise for my first communication being a request for money, and want to assure you that we are looking closely into keeping similar requests to a minimum this year.

There will be a 'Splash' newsletter on Friday, with dates for this term, and information about after-school clubs tomorrow. However, I wanted to make you aware of a new 'coming into school' routine that we are introducing this week.

A member of staff will ring a bell in the KS2 playground and KS1 area at 8.55am to signal the start of school. After the first morning, the children will be asked to line up in their classes in assigned places in both playgrounds, where a member of staff will meet them and escort them into school.

In the interests of congestion and safety, we would ask that parents remain in the playground. If you have an urgent message for the class teacher please come earlier into school, so that it can be dealt with before the start of the day. Teachers are usually also available at the end of each day to talk to parents on any matter of concern.

As well as encouraging independence, we want to have a calm, orderly and prompt start to each day. If you are late, please report to the school office as usual.

Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation and support, especially with our drive to smarten up the school uniform. What a positive way to begin the year!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Williams  
Head teacher