

Dear parents/carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you and your children to our information evening. Understandably, not everyone was able to make it and so, as promised, we have uploaded the presentation to <u>our Transition Hub</u>. Over the coming weeks, we will be including you in links to <u>our Weekly Bulletin</u> and Head of School's letters.

Laptop Scheme

Thank you to those who have signed up for the laptop scheme. If you have not already, please <u>complete the online response form</u> to let us know your decision - this must be *done by half term*. If you have any queries, we will be happy to answer them – please contact <u>notebook@perins.hants.sch.uk.</u>

Data Collection

As we have children joining us from so many primary schools, we like to check that the information we have is up to date and consistent. After half term, we will be asking you to check and complete information held on Arbor, our Management Information System. Some of you have asked if we can add another set of contact details to the student record – you will be able to do this via Arbor.

Online Payment

We use SCOPay as our online payment system for dinner money, trips etc. Again, after half term, you will receive an email from us containing your unique code and instructions on how to set up your account.

Sports taster Day

We hold a taster day at the end of the summer holidays to give new students a chance to experience either rugby or netball. This year's taster day is Friday 30th August.

Further details about this event and how to sign up can be found here.

Induction Day

You should all have in your diaries the *Induction Day on Friday 5th July* when we are really looking forward to meeting the students once more and introducing them to the school. Further details about drop off/pick up, and what the children need to wear and bring with them will be sent out after half term.

Details of tutor groups will be sent out the week before Induction Day. This is when you will find out which colour tie you will need to buy for the allocated house – Aqua (lilac), Ignis (red), Terra (green) or Ventus (yellow).

Dates for next academic year

The diary has now been agreed for the new academic year, so I am pleased to share with you our initial key dates, which can also be found on <u>our Calendar Page</u>

Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET Day – students not in school
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	INSET Day – students not in school
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Year 7s first day (Year 7s only in school)
Thursday 5th September 2024	All Year groups return to school
Friday 27th September 2024	INSET Day – students not in school
Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024	Half term (2 weeks)
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of Spring Term
Friday 31st January 2025	INSET Day – students not in school
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Monday 7th to Monday 21st April 2025	Easter holiday
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Friday 27th June 2025	INSET Day – students not in school
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Last day of Summer Term

Other updates

Following discussions with several Year 6 parents over the past weeks, I can confirm our current school policy does allow for all children to wear trousers should they wish to do so. I am also keen to point out that the school will be supportive of all children who wish to delay their use of a smartphone by opting for a basic internet-free phone, the school laptop allows access to all the appropriate resources needed in school for learning, there is no requirement for a smartphone.

As always, if you have any questions, please first check our <u>Transition Hub</u> and <u>FAQs</u> (<u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>), but if you cannot find the information you need there, do contact us at <u>perinstransition@perins.hants.sch.uk</u>

Yours faithfully,

Mr Mark Nevola Head of School