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Dear Parents/Carers,

1st September 2023

Welcome back to a new academic year at St. Edmund's. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break, and we are all looking forward to your children coming back to school on Monday 4th September 2023.

We have a new online communication system that class teachers will be using this year to let you know what is going on in your child's class. It is called Class Dojo and you will receive login details to enable you to access this site from the week beginning 4th September. Class teachers will be able to keep you up to date with what is happening throughout the week, including reminders for PE, Forest School, the learning that is taking place in the classroom and any other day to day reminders. Please remember that your child's class teacher is your first port of call.

PE

When it is your child's day for PE, they should come into school in their PE kits, this should be black jogging bottoms/shorts, white t shirt (no logos) and a black hoodie jumper, again no logos or pictures. They should wear suitable trainers to access their PE lesson safely. Thursdays will be PE days and your child's class teacher will inform you via Class Dojo when their PE lessons will start.

Forest School

Children should dress for warmth and comfort as we enter the autumn months. They should wear their PE kits, but wellies, gloves, hats and coats should also be coming into school on Forest School days. Class teachers may ask for wellies to be left at school for the term, this will be communicated through Class Dojo.

Each class will have Forest School for one term, during the year. Year 6, Amethyst Class, will be starting this term on Thursday 7th September, so please come to school in Forest School uniform.

Swimming

Each class will get the opportunity to attend swimming lessons this year. These will happen on Tuesdays for block periods of up to seven weeks. Year 4, Diamond Class, will be the first class to swim this term, starting on Tuesday 5th September 2023 and parents will receive an email outlining all the details.

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Whole School Exhibition and Meet the Teacher

The whole school will be studying the same text on the first week back to school and each class will produce a piece of artwork and writing which will be on exhibition in the Key Stage 2 hall on Friday 8th September from 3pm. We would like to invite you to come and view your child's work and take the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher. Doors to the exhibition will open at 3pm and children will be dismissed from their classes at 3.15pm.

Parent Council

Parent Council will run again throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer for your year group, please do let me know and we will set a date for the first meeting.

School Dinners

Don't forget to book school dinners for your child, if they are having a hot lunch make sure that you book this through Schoolcomms.

We are very much looking forward to the new year and working together as a strong school community to achieve the very best we can.

As ever, if you have any thoughts, concerns or queries please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mr. Hulme on the gate, via the phone or by e-mail.

Ruth Stoneham
Head of School