Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans
Bringing learning to life
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some time together as a family. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and we are especially pleased to welcome all the new families who are joining our school community this year. We hope that you and your children will quickly settle in and feel very much at home at Camp.
The start of a new school year always brings lots of information and a few changes to routines, so we have gathered together some **useful notices and reminders** below. These include PE days and kits, our Open Classrooms, school dinners, the tuck shop and an opportunity for children to share their views through a survey from the Children's Commissioner. Please also see key dates for the school year at the end of the letter – these are on the school calendar here.
We hope you find the information helpful as we get the new school year off to a great start.

PE Kits

As in previous years, children in **Years 1–6 should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days**. We have found that this works really well for the children and means that they do not lose valuable PE time getting changed. It also means that we do not need to find separate changing spaces for boys and girls in the older year groups. Please see the table below for each year group's PE days.
Children should wear the **school PE kit as specified on our website** . They may wear a long-sleeved black or navy blue sweatshirt, or their Camp school jumper or cardigan, over their PE kit.

Please note that **football shirts are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn for PE**.

PE sessions will begin on Monday 7th September apart from Year 6 who are already up and running!

Year Group	PE Days
EYFS	Everyday - children to come dressed ready for PE each day (comfortable trousers and practical footwear).
Year 1	Mondays and Fridays
Year 2	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 3	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 4	Mondays (swimming) and Wednesdays
Year 5	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 6	Mondays and Fridays

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Reception
Reception children should bring their PE kit into school and change here. Learning to dress and undress independently is an important part of the Early Years curriculum, so PE provides a great opportunity for children to practise these skills.

Nursery
Nursery children do not need to bring a separate PE kit. Please simply make sure that they come to nursery in clothes that are suitable for moving, playing and being active safely and comfortably.

School dinners
Please pay for pupils' school dinners in advance on Arbor. For children in Nursery meals are charged at £2.70 per day and for children in Years 4-6 at £3.60 per day. All children in Reception-Year 2 receive free school meals.

Tuck shop
Last year the School Council introduced a tuck shop for Years 1-6 to our mornings once a week and this will continue this year on Wednesday mornings, run by the School Council. To sign up and pay for a tuck shop snack for your child this half term, please pay £4.20 on Arbor as soon as possible and by next Wednesday at the latest to ensure we have enough tuck available for them.

Open classrooms for Years 1 - 6
On Wednesday 16th September we would like to invite you to pop into your child's classroom at the end of the school day. This will be an opportunity to see where they will be learning this year, meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have about the curriculum, routines and systems for their new year group. Classrooms will be open from **3:25pm until 4pm**.

Children's Commissioner Survey
The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has asked all schools to share the link to a survey for children aged up to 18 to complete. This is what she has to say about the survey: *"For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm doing my final survey, The Big Future, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today. I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future."* You can complete the survey by using this link. https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/ . There is also more information to be found about the nature of the survey here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/ . This is a national survey and all responses are confidential.

School Games Mark Platinum Award
We are proud to say that Camp has achieved the School Games Mark Platinum Award. This is a government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, which celebrates schools for their commitment to developing competition and physical activity across their school and community. The Platinum Award is the highest recognition for schools demonstrating consistent excellence and is awarded to schools that have achieved Gold status over multiple years.

Many thanks to Mr Wootton, our PE Lead, for his hard work in shaping and developing our PE and sport curriculum and making sure our pupils have lots of exciting and inclusive opportunities to get involved in sport. We would like to thank all our staff for their enthusiasm in supporting and

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encouraging pupils to be active. We are proud of the hard work that has helped to build a school where being active, playing together and enjoying sport are a valued part of everyday life. This fantastic achievement is a real reflection of the whole school community.

Kind regards

Rachel Rowe & Sharon Barton
Head Teachers

Key Dates:

SEPTEMBER
Wed 16th - Open Classrooms 3:25-4pm
Sat 26th - Love Your School Day 10am-4pm

OCTOBER
Thurs 8th - Year 4 Class Assembly 9:10am
Wed 21st-Thurs 22nd - Parent Consultations
Thurs 22nd - Year 5 Class Assembly 9:10am
Mon 26th-Fri 30th - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER
Wed 4th - Individual & sibling photos

DECEMBER
Wed 2nd – Year 2 Performance PM
Thurs 3rd – Year 2 Performance AM
Thurs 10th & Fri 11th – EYFS Performance
Thurs 17th – Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th – Nursery term ends
Fri 18th – School term ends 1:30pm

JANUARY
Mon 4th – INSET (school closed)
Tues 5th – Term starts

FEBRUARY
Mon 15th-Fri 19th – HALF TERM
Mon 22nd – INSET (school closed)

MARCH
Thurs 4th – World Book Day
Wed 17th – Year 4 Performance AM
Thurs 18th – Year 4 Performance Evening
Wed 24th – Nursery term ends
Thurs 25th – School term ends 1:30pm

APRIL
Mon 12th – Term starts

MAY
Mon 3rd – Bank holiday (school closed)
Mon 10th-Thurs 13th – Year 6 SATs week
Thurs 27th – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (part 1)
Mon 31st-Fri 4th June – HALF TERM

JUNE
Thurs 10th – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (part 2)
Sun 13th-Wed 16th – Year 6 School Journey
Wed 16th-Thurs 17th – Parent Consultations
Fri 25th – INSET (school closed)

JULY
Thurs 1st – Open evening
Thurs 8th – Class transition sessions & Year 6 secondary transfer day
Fri 9th – EYFS Sports Day
Mon 19th – Nursery term ends
Mon 19th - Year 6 Leaving Assembly 2pm
Tues 20th – School term ends 1:30pm