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Dear Parents/Carers

A message from Mrs Olivier,

Welcome back to all our families at South Borough Primary School. I trust your summer break allowed you to rest and spend valuable time with your children. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Foundation parents and children. I have heard such positive messages back from staff about how well the home visits have gone and how excited the children are to be starting school full time on Monday. A warm welcome also to all our new families who have had children start this week in other year groups. We have had several new children join our school in the last few days. I know that existing South Borough Primary School parents will make all our new parents and children feel welcome and part of our 'family'.

I would also like to spare a thought for all the Year 7 children starting at their new secondary schools. Best wishes! You did South Borough proud with your well deserved, good SATs results.

Thank you to all those parents who have ensured their children have arrived to school in the correct uniform making a smart start to the term. Please remember that all children from Year 3 should be wearing a school tie and that children should only be wearing a logo school jumper or cardigan, this can be purchased using the School Money website and then collected from the school office.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting academic year. We will soon be sharing the school's priorities with you and I look forward to working with you and your child again this year.

Parking:

Please can I remind all parents to park considerately in the car park and not to block other parents in. Can I also remind you that it is forbidden to smoke in the car park, even if you are sat in your car. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Please can you make sure you use the footbridge when crossing the Loose Road. Parents & children have been seen running across the road which is very dangerous.

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New Staff:

We would like to welcome several new members of staff who have joined our team this September. Mr Blanco has joined the EYFS team, Mrs Gurung has joined the Year 1 team, Miss Walter has joined the Year 2 team and Mr Capp has joined the Year 5 team. Miss Tester and Mr Allchin have joined the support staff team.

Communication:

Your children will have brought home a home/school communication book, this will be checked daily by the class team, so if you have any messages that you would like to communicate to your child's teacher, please use this book to do this. Please don't forget to check this book for messages from the teacher. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to speak to them after school. If you have concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Fulcher our SENCO. If you have an urgent message that needs to be delivered please contact the office and they will pass the message on.

Lunchtimes

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed their school dining experience in the South Borough Restaurant this week. Delicious school meals have been served up by our new catering company, Pabulum. Tables are adorned with table cloths, flowers and children are eating off of brand new plates. If your child would like to have a school dinner please don't forget to log on to <https://www.parentpay.com> and book them in. If your child usually has a packed lunch, then why not let them try a Pabulum Catering dinner as a one off to see if they enjoy it?

All you need to do is log in the day before at the latest and book a meal for the next day. Of course you can also book several in advance if you know that your child would like to have them regularly. Meals cost £2.30 per day (so £11.50 per week) unless your child is in Years R, 1 or 2 in which case they are free, but you still need to book them in for their lunches. Pupils in Years 3-6 may also be entitled to free school meals if their parent/carer is in receipt of certain benefits - please go to www.direct.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check your eligibility.

School Clubs

Look out for our after school club letter which we will be sending out next week.

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Dates:

Start of term 1 – Monday 4th September

End of term 1 – Friday 20th October

Start of term 2 – Monday 30th October

End of term 2 – Friday 15th December

Swimming starts on Friday 8th September for Year 6. Years 5,4,3 will follow suit in future terms.

Thank you for your continued support and we will look forward to working with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.



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