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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year and an exciting Autumn term ahead of us. I have attached a list of dates to this letter and these will also be on our school website: www.castlethorpeschool.co.uk along with copies of letters sent home and term dates for this year and next.

It's been a lovely beginning to the term and as always we have made a few changes. Children now sit in family groups for lunch so the year 2 children can take more responsibility and help with the younger children managing their knives and forks. The children will sit on the same tables until half term when it will be reviewed and children will probably have a new group of friends to have lunch with. This is working really well.

We are very keen to encourage all the children to become more independent particularly in year 2 as they move closer to moving onto Junior school. We'd be grateful of your support allowing the children to hang up their own coats, carry their book bags and lunch boxes and manage the putting things in the right places even though it may take a little longer at the beginning. Year 1s can also do this and as the year progresses foundation too.

Pick up time is at 3.10 (Please be prompt picking up) From next Thursday, when Foundation go full time, can I ask that foundation parents stand near the gate nearest to the foundation cloakroom and year 1 and 2 parents stand near the gate near the main door. The children will come out of these two different doors. Could I also ask that children (both our children and siblings) do not play inside the school gates. We did have a nasty accident two years ago, with a child having to go to hospital after tripping.

I'm sure that you've also heard that we have now named the year groups after woodland animals so Foundation are now Rabbits (or bunnies) Year 1 are Foxes and Year 2 are Owls.

Another change that we're asking you to support is that if your child has antibiotics prescribed and is well enough to be in school, if the prescription is for the medicine is to be taken three times a day, you administer it before school, after school and then at



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bedtime. If your child isn't well enough to come to school please ring school and leave a message before 9am, remembering that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea we do insist on children staying away from school for 48 hours after the last bout.

At the top of the list of dates must be the trip for Foxes and Owls to Holdenby House. If you've not returned your signed consent form and contribution please, please, please, please return this tomorrow. Without the consent we cannot take your child on the coach.

We are also holding a Scholastic book fair next week, supported by FOCS. Books will be in school on Thursday/ Friday 15th and 16th next week and Monday/Tuesday 19th and 20th the week after. You may order books from the leaflet sent home (please return with cash or cheques in a sealed envelope) or come into school to choose from a wider selection before school from 8am to 8.30am or at the end of the school day at 3pm-3.30pm.

Some further reminders are that Cello lessons begin on September 21st. Please return the new menu choices and flu vaccine forms (even if you do not want your child to have this) as soon as possible and preferably tomorrow.

Yours,

Julie Baldwin



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