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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year. All our pupils are very smart, thank you for your efforts with uniform, new shoes and haircuts. We are now a week into the first term and pupils have settled in very well to their lessons. We are encouraging pupils to use their new school planners.

Parent Support Group

The first meeting of our Parent Support Group will be held on Friday 20th September at 10.15am and the guest speaker is Diane Whittaker from CAMHS, West Kent Early Help. All parents/carers or anyone who has an interest in this topic is most welcome to attend.

PFTA

The AGM for our School PFTA will be held on Tuesday 1st October at 3.30pm. You are most welcome to join this friendly group who organise the fund raising events for our school. At the risk of mentioning Christmas in September – Please put Wednesday 4th December in your diary as this will be our Christmas Fair and the first event of the year organised by our PFTA.

School Savings Bank

The School Savings Bank will be open every **Tuesday morning**. This gives the pupils the opportunity to make regular savings towards special events such as residential visits, holidays, and trips out. All pupils can join the School Savings Bank and are able to withdraw some or all of their savings once a letter has been received requesting this from their parent/carer. Please encourage your child to join this very useful savings scheme.

ParentPay

This is our new cashless system to enable parents/carers to make payments to the school 'online'. Payments can be made in this way for school lunches and all trips and activities e.g. swimming, as well as payments towards residential trips. Many schools already operate cashless systems and we hope that this will reduce the need for cheques and cash being brought into school and make payments much easier.

There will still be the opportunity to continue with cheques and cash should this be your preferred option but we hope many of you will sign up!

School Photographer

The photographer will be in School on **Monday 7th October**, this date has changed from our original date of Tuesday 17th September. The photographer will be taking individual and class photographs. Please make a note of this and ensure your child is smartly dressed on this day.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening Wednesday 6th November 3.30-6.30pm Frogs, Hedgehogs, Foxes, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 ONLY
Christmas Fair Wednesday 4th December 5.00-7.00pm

Easy Fundraising

The PFTA have signed up Bower Grove School to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowergrove>. Please use this link to do your online shopping and a small donation then gets put into the Bower Grove fund. We have so far raised £893 through this link.

Yours sincerely,

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