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Dear Year 2 Ringwood Infant School Parents and Carers

Transition Events

It is always an exciting time when children from Ringwood Infant School join us, although we recognise that it can be an anxious time too. As the summer approaches, we hope to provide you with all the information you need to make your child's transition as smooth and successful as possible.

We want all the children to feel a valued and important part of the school. I have been liaising with Mrs Silk, and over the coming weeks year 3 and year 2 teachers will be meeting, this is a meaningful way of passing information and re-enforcing the strong partnership we have developed with Ringwood Infant School. In addition, we have organised opportunities for your children to come and visit us.

Below are some dates for your diary:

Wednesday 26th June - New Parents' Evening

We would like to invite you to the New Parents' Evening we are holding, on **Wednesday 26th June at 7.00pm**, in our school hall. This will be an opportunity to find out more about school systems, people and events. I am pleased that Mrs Silk, Headteacher and Miss Bush, Year 2 Leader will be joining us for the evening.

We shall provide you with information about class organisation for the next school year and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and view their classrooms, sample school lunches and order uniform from local school suppliers. I do hope you will be able to join us for the evening.

The transition from Infant to Junior School is a vital stage of a child's education in the primary phase. Whilst this should be an exciting event, for a few children, change and uncertainty can create anxiety. We are sure that you can help your child make the necessary adjustments by being well informed about expectations at our school. We know that happy children learn effectively and achieve well. We want this transition to be a positive and constructive experience for all our parents and children.

Wednesday 3rd July - 'Change-Over-Morning'

The transition day, which for Year 2 is a 'Change-Over-Morning' is being held on **Wednesday 3rd July**. This is an important opportunity for your child to meet their year 3 class teachers, familiarise themselves with the school site and layout and get a 'feel' for our Junior School.

Please bring your child to our school on the day for **9.00am** entering onto the front playground where the year 3 teachers will meet you and your child. I will also be on the playground to welcome you, along with the Assistant Heads and SENCo. The teachers will then take the children to the classrooms. Please stay with your child until this happens.

Children will return to Ringwood Infant School at the end of the morning accompanied by their current year 2 teachers and their new year 3 teachers.



If your child requires any medication to be administered during the morning, please contact our school office beforehand. Please bring any medication to the school office and make sure it is clearly labelled.

Tuesday 16th July – Buddy Afternoon

This will be an opportunity for the Year 2 children to visit the school and buddy up with a Year 3 child. This will give them a chance to get to know places around school and find out more about our school. This will take place during school hours and will be arranged between the teachers.

School Disco

The PTA will be organising a school disco to welcome our new year 3 children early in the Autumn Term, details will be sent nearer the time.

Saturday 21st September - Ringwood Carnival

Your child is welcome to join us on our Ringwood Junior School Carnival Float. A letter will be in the information pack that will follow shortly.

Information Pack

An information pack will shortly be given to you via Ringwood Infant School, in it you will find the information you need and some forms that need completing and returning to our Ringwood Junior School office. Please place them in an envelope and return them to us either via a sibling currently at our school, bringing them to our reception, placing your envelope in the letter box to the left of the front door in the brick wall, or posting them back to us. It would be very helpful to us if these could be returned as soon as you are able to so that we can set your child up ready for September.

Further information

Autumn Term 2024 for all pupils starts on **Wednesday 4th September**. Our main gate is open at 8.10am and the Year 6 side gate, which leads to the classrooms, is open at 8.20am. Children should arrive at school by 8.30am. Please bring your child to the front playground where they will be welcomed by their year 3 class teachers. School finishes at 3.00pm, please collect them from the front playground.

Prior to your child joining our school in September, I would like to draw your attention to our school website www.ringwood-junior.hants.sch.uk. Our website is updated on a regular basis during the academic year and provides diary dates, in advance, to assist forward planning and lots more information.

We value developing a strong partnership with all of our parents and with our partner Infant School. I am sure these events will help to prepare the children and contribute to the smooth transition from Infant to Junior education. If you have any suggestions you would like to make to help us develop our transition programme, then please e-mail us on admin.office@ringwood-junior.hants.sch.uk or come and talk to us at the New Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 26th June**.

I look forward to meeting you, on the evening and at future events in school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher Ringwood Infant School

