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Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the school year. I hope that you had a great summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

As ever at the beginning of a new year, there will be lots of messages and letters sent home together with forms for completing. We will try to keep these to a manageable level and will start sending some home next week so please check the bookbags regularly. As the year progresses we are going to try to send more communications via email so please make sure you keep your email addresses up to date with the office.

It is wonderful to see the pupils in their smart uniform and it is a real help to pupils, staff and parents, if you can please make sure items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Similarly, please make sure drinks bottles are clearly named.

For our new pupils, we will be issuing drinks bottles so they can help themselves to water throughout the school day. We take part in the fruit and vegetable scheme for schools, and a piece of fruit or vegetable is available to children in Reception, years 1 and 2 each day. All children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack from home (but not crisps or chocolate please) and the class teachers can give you more information about this if needed.

We are now mainly a cash-free school and encourage you to use our on-line payment system called ParentPay. New parents will shortly be receiving their log in details for their accounts, but if you have any problems please pop in and speak to Mrs Hall in the office.

During their time with us at Cusgarne, your child will have access to several web based programs which aim to encourage and grow their skills in reading and



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Maths. Pupil log in details and information will follow during the term, along with details of our reading band scheme.

I expect to send a calendar of dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020 next week. Additional dates will occur throughout the year and we will inform you of these via our newsletter and the calendar on the school website.

I would be grateful if you could make a note of the test weeks as it is really important that your child is in school during that time:

- * Year 6 tests – week beginning 11th May
- * Year 4 multiplication tests – throughout June
- * Year 2 tests – throughout May
- * Year 1 phonics – week beginning 8th June

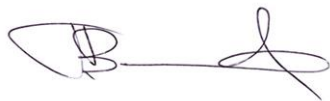
The dates for the Year 1 phonics, Year 4 and Year 6 tests are statutory and can therefore not be done at any other time.

Requests for term time absence are taken seriously and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Aspire Academy Trust will shortly be sending a letter home to all families to explain the Attendance Policy.

Please note that after school clubs will start week commencing 16th September 2019 and we will let you know which clubs are running next week.

Cornwall Music Service Trust will start music lessons next week so please remember your instruments.

Yours sincerely



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