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Ruishton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 1

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Next letter due on 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all after a rather unseasonable, but I hope still enjoyable summer. More than thirty children have started with us this year in reception and other year groups and of course Miss Mortimer in Class 2.

If you are new to the school and there's something in these newsletters that isn't clear please ask us... sometimes we make assumptions. **The new building** is slightly behind schedule but everything is coming together. Bear with us until it is officially signed off to us and then we can open the other footpath which will give you access through both gates to school, avoiding any necessity to cross the car park entrance. **School meals** have started and Debbie Woodrow has joined us as the kitchen supervisor. When you return your menu by Wednesday each week it goes directly to the providers and we do not keep records in school. Please ensure your children know which days they are eating. [ The *reception children's* first menu will be sent out on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> for the following week].

**The Hub** has started child-care before and after school and now needs your support. If the spaces aren't filled then it will stop forever. I know from previous questionnaires that there is a big demand so Lucy looks forward to seeing you there. There are in fact a number of children arriving at school very early, some at 8.20am. We provide supervision on the playground at 8.45 and those who arrive very early will be sent to the Hub which will of course incur costs; after all that's what it's there for! We plan a new building to accommodate the Hub and Woodlands Play group who will also be moving on to our site.

Over the course of this year all children will receive **French** tuition, even the reception children who will start in February. Quite a wordy letter so far, and possibly slightly disjointed. I'm sorry but there's more! We also have a **family support worker** Janella Garbutt and a letter will be coming out to you explaining how this system works very soon. The new **security system** for the office entrance will soon be complete. There will be no access to classrooms through that door, or any exit from the classrooms. It will be controlled by sensors and linked to the alarm system. **Dates** will be on the next letter including harvest, Christmas Services and plays once they have been confirmed with others. I enclose a school **calendar**. There will be three more school closures during the year, but you will be notified well in advance.

Parents have until 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008 to register their child for free **milk** if the child is under five. Free milk stops on their fifth birthday but any parent wishing to purchase subsidised school milk for their children can register direct either online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com), or by calling FREEPHONE 0800 321 3248.

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