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Dear Parents/Carers

We are already three weeks in to the new term and the summer holidays now seem to be a distant memory.

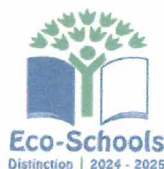
After-school clubs begin next week and as usual these will finish at 4.30pm. Children should be collected from the main entrance at the end of their session. You will be notified by text tomorrow if your child has a place.

On Tuesday, our new school website was launched. The homepage shows some of the drone footage and photos that were taken during the summer term which give a fantastic perspective of our school. Please have a look at www.jarrowcross.co.uk

We have been informed by South Tyneside Council that the cost of school meals will **increase in October from £2.50 to £2.60**, with a further change proposed for April 2026. Currently the real cost to the council of a school meal is approximately £4, however the local authority unfortunately cannot sustain this scale of subsidy. The cost of milk remains at £12 and I would like to remind you that the 5th October is the deadline to pay for this term.

A text was sent out last week with a link to a short survey that we would like you to complete. This text will also be sent out again tomorrow. Please spare a few minutes to give us your views that will support us in continuing to improve Jarrow Cross for the entire school community.

Since the start of term you may have noticed that pupils' homework has not included any formal written tasks such as maths worksheets. Pupils continue to receive homework each week but this will consist of tasks such as phonics/ reading, learning spellings and times tables, depending on your child's(ren's) age and needs.





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In Key Stage 2 pupils will have a login for Lexia or Reading Plus as well as Times Table Rockstars. These are excellent resources for developing reading skills, improving fluency and practising the rapid recall of times tables – all of which are core skills. Please speak to class teachers if you need an update of this information.

Kind Regards

Mr K Taggart
Headteacher

