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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year and a very special welcome to our new Reception children and our new Nursery children. Also a special welcome to new children who have joined us from other schools.

As always school is very busy and this first letter is always the longest as it contains a lot of dates and information for the whole year ahead. Please make a note of them as we try to give you as much notice as possible. There are some occasions when we haven't had much notice ourselves but when we can we let you know in advance so that you can prepare. Please check the school website regularly, which has information on it about what your child will be learning; policies; pictures and copies of all of the newsletters sent home.

I look forward to a very exciting year ahead and know that your children will as always be enthusiastic learners.

Updated Information Years 1 – 6

If your child is now in Years 1 to 6, please would you complete the enclosed form and return it to school as soon as possible. We appreciate that it asks for confidential information so –please return it in an old 'recycled envelope' and cellotape it if you prefer. We need updated phone numbers, emergency contact numbers and addresses.

Attendance

It is really important that your child achieves 100% attendance; many of our children do which is fantastic. Please try to organise appointments for after school or in the school holidays. If your child is very ill and unable to attend school please telephone the school office after 8.30 to explain your child's absence – this is then logged. When your child returns to school please send a note explaining the absence in writing. Thank you.

Medicine

To protect the health and safety of all of the children, staff are not allowed to give medicine. If your child is taking medicine please ask the doctor for a three times dosage

Before school

After school

Bed time.

This ensures that all children are safe and that medicines are not mixed up or stored in school.

Books for Parents to Borrow

In the Main Entrance there are books for Parents to help themselves, take home and enjoy reading. Once you have finished simply put the book back. We do not need any more books donated as we have enough now – Thank you to everyone who has made the Parents' library possible.

The Giving Machine

If you shop online for anything, please would you register to the Giving Machine? Many parents already have which is fantastic. Every time they use it to shop online a small donation is given to the school to help our School Funds. As it is approaching near to Christmas, The Giving Machine is a great way that you can help our school. It takes five minutes to register and is no cost to yourselves just a help to your child's school.

Parents' Information Meetings (Reminder)

As you are aware, we have organised the following information meetings for parents to give you the latest information about what your child will be learning and doing in Key Stage 1, First Year Juniors and Year 6. At these meetings you will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

- Year 6 Monday 11th September 3.15 p.m. with your child.
- Year 3 Wednesday 13th September 2.00 p.m.
- Year 2 Monday 25th September 2.30 p.m.
- Year 1 Wednesday 27th September 2.30 p.m.

School Uniform

The children look beautiful and very smart in their uniforms, a credit to you all. Please make sure that their names are on everything including coats, P.E. kits and lunch bags / boxes. P.E. uniform is a white T. shirt, grey or black shorts and plain black pumps for indoor sport.

*After Easter the children can wear trainers for outdoor sport and running activities. Please do not buy the trainers now as your children's feet will grow a lot before Easter, we simply wanted to give you notice. Reminder – Please make sure that the children wear small bows in their hair.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that the children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school in Years Nursery to Year 5. This is a safeguarding rule and is to protect all children.

If your child is in Year 6 and is not collected by an adult at home time, please let Miss Allen know and in that circumstance your child will be allowed to bring a phone to school to be handed first thing to Miss Allen, to be locked away for the day.

Please remember that children in classes Nursery to Year 5 must be brought to school and collected from school by a known adult. Please always let your child's teacher know if there is a change of adult. This is to protect your child's health and safety – thank you.

Year 5 Bike Training – 12th September and 19th September.

We have organised for the children in Year 5 to have Bike training on two days. At the end of the training your child will complete a Bike test and if he or she passes the test, will then receive a certificate. On these two days your child can bring his/her bike to school. Please make sure that your child also has a lock chain for the bike. The children can wear their own clothes on these days suitable for riding bikes. Helmets are provided. If your child does not have a bike please do not worry, please send a note to Miss Morris and we will organise a bike to be available on the day.

Year 4 Swimming

We have organised for your child to have swimming lessons which will start on Monday 2nd October. More information will be sent out soon but if you get the chance please take your child to the swimming baths to help him/her get used to the water if he/she has not been before.

Parental Information/Engagement

By now you will have received a letter from your child's class teacher with detailed information about your child's new class and what he/she will be learning during this academic year. There are also helpful hints for yourselves about how you can help your child at home. Copies of everything that you have received are on the school website. We always try to make you aware of what your child is learning in school so please make sure that you read these important letters from your child's teacher. The children really enjoy the Theme weeks and many of you wrote really positive comments about them in the Parent Questionnaires – thank you. The teachers have given you advanced notice of when they are in their letters.

School Holidays 2017 – 2018

School opens Monday 4th September 2017 Years 1 - 6
School opens Monday 11th September Reception and Nursery
School closes Friday 20th October
School opens Monday 30th October
School closes Thursday 21st December
School opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018
School closes Friday 9th February
School opens Monday 19th February
School closes Thursday 29th March
School opens Monday 16th April
School closes Friday 25th May
School opens Monday 11th June
School closes Friday 20th July 2018

Application for Free School Meals – Years Reception to Year 6.

Attached to this letter is a form. If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two, please still apply. Please if you think there is any chance that your child might be entitled to free school meals please, please complete the enclosed form. If you do not want your child to have a school lunch and prefer to provide a packed lunch that is fine, but please still complete the form. The Government base the amount of Pupil Premium Funding that our school receives on the amount of children who receive Free School Meals. We know that we have families in our school who are entitled but who have not applied – this means that we receive less funding for our school. Please help and complete the form.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you so much for your overwhelming positive comments and great ideas. We are still reading them and discussing how we can implement some of your ideas. One idea suggested was to have the school photograph taken early on in the school year which I fully understand as uniforms are new. Unfortunately the photographer is booked a year in advance so this year the school photographer will be in school on Thursday 8th March 2018. However for 2019 we have booked it earlier for the September.

I appreciate that you are concerned about security and school gates; we are going to try and sort this request for locked gates at all times, this academic year.

School dinners

School dinners cost £1.90 per day which is £9.50 for the week. Please pay weekly and use Parent Pay to do so. If you need any help using Parent Pay please speak to Mrs Clarke in the office.

As always I am a very happy, proud Headteacher and it is a complete privilege for us to teach your children – they are super stars!

Thank you

Mrs J Grundy Headteacher.

Name of child _____

Date of birth _____

Known allergies _____

Medical needs _____

Address _____

Home telephone number _____

Mobile numbers of parents _____

Emergency contact number _____

Emergency contact person _____

My child's Doctor's name _____

Doctor's address _____

Doctor's contact number _____

My child's N.H.S. number _____

My child's Religion Catholic

C. of E

Other

No religion

English as a first language Yes or No

My first language is _____

Nationality _____

Ethnicity _____

Country of birth _____

Any other important information that you wish us to know about your child _____

My child is entitled to Free School Meals Yes

No

Thank you for this information.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE YEAR

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| 4 th September 2017 | Geography Week |
| 11 th September 2017 | Year 6 parents' information meeting. |
| 13 th September 2017 | Year 3 parents' information meeting. |
| 19 th September 2017 | Bike-ability Year 5 |
| 25 th September 2017 | Poetry Week |
| 25 th September 2017 | Year 2 parents' information meeting. |
| 2 nd October 2017 | Year 4 start Swimming Programme. |
| 4 th October 2017 | Year 1 End of Topic Celebration for parents. |
| 9 th October 2017 | Judaism Week |
| 10 th October 2017 | Year 2 children read with parents. |
| 12 th October 2017 | Year 1 children read with parents. |
| 16 th October 2017 | Art Week |
| 19 th October 2017 | Parents' night |
| 20 th October 2017 | Sale of Christmas Cards. |
| 30 th October 2017 | History Week |
| 6 th November 2017(wk Beg) | S.E.N. & G.&T. Parent meeting. |
| 10 th November 2017 | St Leo's Feast Day. |
| 10 th November 2017 | Children read with Year 3 parents. |
| 13 th November 2017 | Anti Bullying Week. |
| 15 th November 2017 | Reception children read with parents. |
| 15 th November 2017 | End of topic Celebration for Year 2 parents. |
| 15 th November 2017 | Nursery writing workshop for parents. |
| 17 th November 2017 | Children in Need & Cake Sale. |
| 22 nd November 2017 | Children read with Year 6 parents. |
| 24 th November 2017 | Music – Composer's Day. |
| 27 th November 2017 | Maths day. |
| 1 st December 2017 | Advent |
| 6 th December 2017 | Images Art. |

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| 7 th December 2017 | Year 5 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 8 th December 2017 | Year 1 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 11 th December 2017 | D.T. Week (x2) |
| 11 th December 2017 | Year 3 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 12 th December 2017 | Nursery children read with parents. |
| 12 th December 2017 | Reception Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 13 th December 2017 | Year 2 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 14 th December 2017 | Year 4 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 14 th December 2017 | Film Night Years 1-6 3.30 – 4.45. |
| 15 th December 2017 | Year 6 Xmas Performance p.m. |
| 8 th January 2018 | Geography Week |
| 24 th January 2018 | End of topic celebrations for Year 3 parents. |
| 29 th January 2018 | Ambition Week and Young Enterprise. |
| 31 st January 2018 | Children read with Year 4 parents. |
| 2 nd February 2018 | Children dress up in occupation role. |
| 5 th February 2018 | Art Week |
| 7 th February 2018 | Internet Safety Day. |
| 19 th February 2018 | History Week. |
| 28 th February 2018 | End of topic celebration for Year 4 parents. |
| 1 st March 2018 | World Book Day. |
| 1 st March 2018 | Children read with Year 5 parents. |
| 5 th March 2018 | Culture Week Year 6 Museum Year 5 Art Gallery Year 4 Cathedrals Year 3 Albert Dock and Crosby. |
| 8 th March 2018 | School Photographer. |
| 9 th March 2018 | Parents' Celebration in Nursery. |
| 12 th March 2018 | Science Week. |
| 16 th March 2018 | Parents invited to Science Workshop. |
| 19 th March 2018 | D.T. Week (x2). |

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| 19 th March 2018(wk beg) | S.E.N. & G.&T. parents' meetings. |
| 23 rd March 2018 | Sports Relief Day. |
| 26 th March 2018(wk beg) | S.E.N. & G.&T. parents' meetings. |
| 16 th April 2018 | Geography Week |
| 18 th April 2018 | Maths Nursery Workshop for Parents. |
| May | K.S.1 S.A.T's |
| 9 th May 2018 | Reception End of Topic Celebration for parents. |
| 14 th May 2018 | K.S.2 S.A.T's |
| 21 st May 2018 | Art Week. |
| 11 th June 2018(wk beg) | Year 1 Phonics Testing. |
| 18 th June 2018 | History Week. |
| 20 th June 2018 | End of Topic Celebration for Year 5 parents. |
| 25 th June 2018 | Year 4 start swimming. |
| 25 th June 2018 | Multi-Cultural week/other Faith. |
| 25 th June 2018(wk beg) | S.E.N. and G.&T. parents. |
| 27 th June 2018 | Music Day 'around the World'. |
| 2 nd July 2018 | Sport Week. |
| 3 rd July 2018 | Year 5 Crosby Lakeside. |
| 4 th July 2018 | Year 6 out S.E.A. |
| 6 th July 2018 | Year 6 Chill Factor. |
| 9 th July 2018 | D.T. Week. |
| 12 th July 2018 | Reports home to parents. |
| 13 th July 2018 | Camping Day Year 6. |
| 16 th July 2018 | Children meet new teacher 9.30 – 11.30. |
| 18 th July 2018 | Year 6 Leavers 10.00. |
| 18 th July 2018 | End of Year Party. |

There will be other exciting activities going on throughout the year but the above list of dates is what has already been arranged. Please note that the dates of your child's Christmas Performances are on the list. We try to give as much notice as possible.

