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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please would you read the following information, some of which contains important news and future dates? Thank you.

Year Group Moves

As you are aware, the school is over-subscribed and we currently have a waiting list of parents who want places for their children. Due to the growing numbers we have had building work completed which has created an additional classroom within the school building. This now means that the new Reception children due to start school in September will be able to move into a classroom in the main school building. The September Year One, Year Two and Year Three children will all move into different classrooms in September (not where those year groups are now.) The Nursery children will now have their own room (what used to be the Reception class). We are very excited about the relocation of the above year groups as it will enhance the teaching and learning environments positively. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to your child's teacher who will be able to answer any questions/provide information.

Children's Achievements/Progress

You will receive your child's school report on Friday. We are delighted with all of the children and their progress; they have worked very, very hard. I have always stated that every child has a talent which should be celebrated and it was clear to me reading the reports that we have very talented children in our school. We are proud of all of the children as you should be. Well done children and keep up the great work in your next class.

Tests

I would like to congratulate all of the children who have completed tests this year. The Tests were all changed for this year and higher expectations were placed on the children. It has been a time of unknown for all schools and we have been told that we cannot compare this year's results with previous years because the tests had changed and were more difficult. I would like to congratulate every child in Year One (Phonics tests), Year Two (S.A.T's) and Year Six (S.A.T's) who have all done their absolute best and we are very proud of them.

School Uniform

It is soon going to be the time when you are buying your child's new uniform for the next academic year. Please can I ask that you write your child's name on every item as it helps us to locate anything that may get lost? Please make sure that when you are choosing footwear that it is plain

black and has no white trimmings or any other colour? Most children do this but there are one or two that arrive in school not wearing the correct footwear and this is very unfair to the rest of the children. Every child in Years Reception to Year Six needs a pair of plain black pumps for P.E. which they leave in school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Parent Pay

Please make sure that you have paid for your child's school dinner using Parent Pay. If your child is going into Year Three in September, you will receive information about how to pay for your child's school lunch. Thank you.

School Trips

The children have all told me that they have enjoyed their Summer trips and on the whole the weather was kind! We still have one trip left to Legoland. It has been lovely to receive phone calls from the various places telling me how well behaved our children were and that they were a credit to the school. Well done children.

Reminders

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly Thursday 21st July 10 O'clock.

School Party for Years Nursery to Year 5 Thursday 21st July

(Donations gratefully received)

Own Clothes Day Thursday 21st July (Year 6 p.m. only)

Own Clothes Day Friday 22nd July.

School closes for the Summer Friday 22nd July at **2 O'clock.**

School opens for Years 1 to 6 on **Monday 5th September.**

School opens for Nursery and Reception on **Monday 12th September.**

Reading Books

Please would you return any reading books back to school? Please have a good search as there might be a book that has been forgotten – please send it back – we will be thrilled!

Term dates and holidays 2016/17

School opens (Years 1 to 6) Monday 5th September 2016

School opens (Nursery and Reception) Monday 12th September 2016

Close: Friday 21st October 2016 **HALF TERM BREAK**

Open: Monday 31st October 2016

Close: Wednesday 21st December 2016 **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Open: Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Close: Friday 10th February 2017 **HALF TERM BREAK**

Open: Monday 20th February 2017

Close: Friday 31st March 2017 **SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY**

Open: Tuesday 18th April 2017

Close: Friday 26th May 2017 **WHIT HOLIDAY** (Including Bank Holiday Monday 1st May)

Open: Monday 12th June 2017

Close: Friday 21st July 2017

School Holidays 2017 – 2018

School opens Monday 4th September 2017

School closes Friday 20th October 2017

School opens Monday 30th October 2017

School closes Thursday 21st December 2017

School opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018

School closes Friday 9th February 2018

School opens Monday 19th February 2018

School closes Thursday 29th March 2018

School opens Monday 16th April 2018

School closes Friday 25th May 2018

School opens Monday 11th June 2018

School closes Friday 20th July 2018

Update Information

Please make sure that you have completed the updated forms and have returned them to school. We need updated mobile phone numbers. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaires

Please would you take the time to complete the parent questionnaires which will be sent out soon? I really do read every one of them and use them to help me to continue to improve the school and to know what we are good at. I read them all during the summer holidays and show them to the staff. Thank you.

It has been another busy, exciting academic year with so much going on. I am delighted that the school has such a positive reputation in the community because it is well deserved. The children are fantastic and continue to be enthusiastic learners who have many talents. We are one big extended family who deal with any issues together but who also celebrate our strengths together. I am very lucky and proud to be the Headteacher of this school and would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Parents/Carers for all that you do to help and support the school and for making it such a wonderful place to work. Enjoy the Summer holidays and spend some quality time with your children – they are only young for such a short time.

Thank you

A very happy, proud, tired Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy

Please complete and return the enclosed form. Thank you.

Name of child _____

Class _____

I will collect my child at 2 O'clock on Friday 22nd July 2016

_____ will collect my child on Friday 22nd July 2016 at 2 O'clock

My child can walk home alone on Friday 22nd July 2016 at 2 O'clock

Parent/Carer's name _____

Parent/Carer's signature _____

Emergency contact telephone number _____

Name of Emergency contact person _____

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