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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please would you read the following information?

Christmas Performances

Thank you for your positive comments and letters, we are so pleased that you enjoyed the class performances. Every class did a performance and every child took part – all of the children were fantastic – well done children.

Staff Changes

We were sad to see Mrs Nolan go but she is still in touch with us and is enjoying her new job. Mrs Lewin will be leaving us in January; she has a new job but has promised to also keep in touch. We wish both members of staff good luck in their new roles.

Reception 2018

Please spread the word

If you or you know of anyone who would like a place in our school Reception in September 2018, all applications for a place **must** be made by **15th January 2018**. Your child does not have to be in our school Nursery to have a place in the Reception class. If you have any questions or need any information please ring Mrs Clarke in the school office.

Change of Mobile Numbers or Phone Numbers

URGENT – If you have changed your mobile number or phone number please inform us and then we can update our school records about your child's contact details. Thank you.

Giving Machine

If you buy anything on line please would you register first onto the 'Giving Machine'? This does not cost you anything but money will be donated to our school every time you use it. Thank you to the parents who already do this.

Parent View Ofsted

Thank you so much to the parents who have completed this for us – we really do appreciate your help. Please can I ask that you complete it again as it continually needs updating. It takes about 10 minutes and the more parents that complete it the better it is for our school. Simply log on to the Ofsted website, click Parent View and put in our school details, answer the questions and complete. **THANK YOU.**

First Holy Communion

All parents of the children due to make their First Holy Communion should have received a letter from Father Michael, the First Holy Communion are now taking place **on Friday 18th May at 10 O'clock.**

School Twitter Account

Our School Twitter account is now set up and in its early stages. This will hopefully be another way to share with you what is going on in school.

The Reader

Liverpool based national charity, The Reader, is looking for help in bringing the joy of reading to children who are living in care. Funded by BBC Children in Need, the Reading Heroes project is looking to place local volunteers to read for an hour a week with a child in their own home. The Reader will provide full training and guidance, with placements due to begin in February 2018. If you would like to help make a difference to a young person's life, contact Cat Miller on catmiller@thereader.org.uk for more information on how to become a Reading Hero.

The Wednesday Night Guide Unit

Suitable for girls in Years 5 and 6. Every Wednesday term time only 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. at Rainhill Guide House, Stoney Lane. Contact Samantha on **07749951451**.

To all Schools, Nurseries and Alternative Education Providers in Cheshire and Merseyside

There is a measles outbreak in Liverpool affecting unimmunised children. Measles is highly infectious and I would be grateful if you could share the message below with parents and guardians of children in your care.

Please exclude any child with suspected measles for 5 days after onset of rash. Staff members can get MMR vaccine from their GP if they require it. MMR vaccine can be given to adults of any age.

MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ABOUT MEASLES AND MMR VACCINE

There is a measles outbreak in Liverpool affecting unvaccinated children. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger.

Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine. The Vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kid's problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles.

The first signs of measles are –

- Fever
- Cough, runny nose and red sore eyes
- After a few days, a spotty rash appears. It starts on the face and neck and spreads to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery; walk in centre or to Accident and Emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

Travel advice: There are large outbreaks of measles currently in Romania, Italy or Germany. Make sure you are up to date with your MMR vaccine if you are planning to travel to these countries. If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Christmas Lunch

All children are welcome to have a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December. As always we ask that you put your payment into an envelope with your child's name and class on the front and what the money is for. Thank you to all of the parents who already do this.

Christmas Party

We are having a Christmas Party for the children on Wednesday 20th December. The children can wear their own clothes on that day. School provides party food but if you can help by also donating party food we would be very grateful. Please send it into class on the day. **Thank you.**

Shoe Boxes

Thank you so much for helping us to help others. All of the boxes have now been collected.

Last Day

School closes on Thursday 21st December. The children can wear their own clothes on this day. School closes at **2 O'clock**. Please complete the attached permission slip and return to school.

Film Night

This was a great night; we raised **£341.00** for School Fund. Thank you so much.

It has been a very busy term and your children have been fantastic. Please may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very blessed 2018? Thank you so much for all that you do to help and support our school, we really do appreciate it all. As I always say, your children are a privilege to teach.

School opens on

Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Thank you

A very happy, proud Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy

Happy 2018

Child's name _____ Class _____

I will collect my child at 2 O'clock on Thursday 21st December 2017.

My child can walk home alone at 2 O'clock on Thursday 21st December 2017.

Parent's/Carer's name _____

Parent's/Carer's signature _____

Contact telephone number _____

Emergency telephone number _____