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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well and that you managed to have some quality time with your children during the Spring holiday? Please would you read the following information, some of which contains dates for the future?

Reception Class September 2016

We have received many applications for school places and are over-subscribed again! We have parents who are disappointed that their children have not received a place at our school and who are now on a waiting list. The school has a positive reputation in the community and many want their children to attend our school but we can only have a certain number. There will be an information meeting in July for those parents/carers of the children who have been given a place.

Attendance

It is vitally important that your child's attendance at school is good as it has a direct impact upon learning and is a future life skill for employment. I am delighted that 35 children have received a bronze medal for 100% attendance for last term (spring Term) and 35 children have received a silver medal for 100% attendance for both the Autumn and Spring Term. A huge well done to all of the children and to their parents. It would be wonderful if every child received a medal in July for 100% attendance for the Summer Term.

Building Work

As you are aware the building work has begun and we are delighted. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but it will be worth it for the children. A special thank you to Year 4 parents for their support and to the children who attend Breakfast/Early Morning Club who have been brilliant sharing the hall!

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

If your child is making their First Holy Communion on Friday 20th May at St Leo's Church you should have received a detailed letter with information on and a sheet to complete and return to school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Snape or myself.

Letters for Parents

To 'cut down' on the amount of photocopying that we use in school and to help protect the environment, we will send newsletters to each family rather than to every child. The newsletters are also put onto the school website.

Tissues

Thank you so much to the many parents who are sending their children in to school with their own tissues. The children tell us that they know how to catch a sneeze and a cough which is wonderful! The novelty of having their own packet of tissues has now worn off and most children are making them last for the week. Please encourage your child to always bring a tissue to school.

Year 6 SAT's 9th – 13th May

The Year 6 children have worked really hard this year and will be taking their exams the week beginning 9th May. Mrs Smith and Miss Allen are very kindly doing additional revision classes for free (you should have received a letter with information). It is really important that your children get to bed early, are in school early and in these last couple of weeks continue to work hard – they have been real stars! Every child has made excellent progress this year and we are already proud of them all. Once the SAT's are finished we can do some "fun" activities with the children who deserve a fun way of learning.

Football

Every day there are a few children who ask to play football with the other children at lunch times – if your child wants to play football he or she needs to bring into school a pair of old track suit bottoms and a pair of old trainers (to leave in school) with their names written on.

Physical Education

Due to the building work, we now have a class of children using the hall which means that all P.E. lessons are outside. The children will wear their school P.E. kits and black pumps but some children feel the cold more than others. If you think that your child would feel the cold please send into school a sweatshirt or tracksuit or an additional layer that your child can wear on top of his/her P.E. kit. Thank you for this help, the children enjoy their P.E. lessons but the weather isn't always sunny in our summer!!

Sponsored Count/Times-tables

We are trying to raise money for our own School Funds and for the Good Shepherd (local charities in Merseyside). We will be having a sponsored count/times-tables on Friday 13th May (this date has changed from the previous one.) More information will be sent out soon. Please would you help your child to learn their numbers/times-tables and to get sponsors? We understand that in the current economic climate money is short but every penny will count. It doesn't matter if your child gets one sponsor or more we understand that families have different circumstances but please help in whatever way that you can.

Whit holiday

School closes on Friday 27th May at the normal time.

School opens on Monday 13th June at the normal time.

Poetry Performance

We have organised for a Theatre Company to come into school on Monday morning to perform some poetry for some classes. School is covering the cost and I am sure that the children who see it will love it!

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support? This is a wonderful school because of the children who are in it, it is a privilege for us to teach them all.

A very happy, proud Headteacher
of

an over-subscribed school!

Mrs J Grundy