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8th September 2017

Dear Parents

I would like to start by welcoming you all back to a new school year and I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break.

Diary Dates

Please find attached a list of forthcoming events for your diary for this term. I have also included a class events overview for the year. These are the minimum class events for the whole year. I have also included dates of secondary school open days. Please inform the school office if you are intending to take your child out of school to visit prospective schools.

Clubs

After School Clubs will begin week commencing Monday 18th September and a list of activities are attached. We are also keen to promote external clubs in the area. Please visit our website for details of After School Clubs and Community Events for more details. The final week of school clubs for the autumn term will be Monday 27th November.

Office Opening Hours

The front doors will open from 8.30am until 4.00pm. If you need to leave a written communication, please complete a form in the school office and post in the message box behind the main reception area. We will endeavour to respond to your request the same day.

Changes to Contact Details

Please inform the school office if there has been any changes to your contact details including telephone numbers and email addresses. We will carry on using the photographic consent forms from the last academic year. However, if you wish to make any changes, please inform the school office.

Parking Arrangements

As we begin a new academic year, I want to remind parents of our parking arrangements here at St. Catherine's. When driving into school in the mornings, the lane closest to the school building, is our drop off lane. The children should leave the vehicle quickly and safely and walk along the marked pedestrian area to their classroom. If you need to accompany your child to their classroom, you are permitted to park in any of the other three lanes.

We operate a four lane system during afternoon collection and ask parents/carers to please be patient and wait until you are able to access the school grounds, before leaving your vehicle to collect your child. Also a polite reminder not to park in front of the entrance gates when they are closed, as this is our emergency access route.

Parking in Residential Areas

I realise that parking in and around our school can be very difficult, especially during our busy times. Please can I ask that we respect our neighbours and perhaps consider car sharing, walking or even park and walk from the Co-operative supermarket or from the local car park in the town.

Finally, as tempting as it may be, please can you refrain from using the staff parking areas at the front of the school and alongside the school playground. This is a designated parking area for school staff and official visitors. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Information Session

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher on Wednesday 13th September. There will be two sessions, either 3.15pm or 3.35pm. The teachers will give you an outline of topics to be covered this year and share any other class information with you. Childcare will be available in the school hall.

For children in Reception class, this session will be held at 1.15pm in the school hall. The children will remain in class until the end of this session.

School Mass

You are all welcome to join us for the first school Mass of the year on Wednesday 13th September at 9.00am.

School Uniform

Pupils can continue to wear summer uniform, blue polo shirt for the boys and gingham dress or blue polo shirt for the girls. All children must be in their winter uniform by 30th October and must come to school with a waterproof coat. (Please remember to name all items.) If your child's hair is long, please can it be tied back with a band or ribbon which matches our uniform and plain hair clips. No nail varnish or jewellery should be worn to school. Thank you for your support.

Information Briefings

We would like to continue with our information briefings for parents. However, we want these to have the maximum impact, so please could you let us know which of these times would be most suitable for you to attend and return to the school office.

We are all looking forward to a happy, hardworking term.

Yours truly



Mrs Frances Guppy
Head teacher

INFORMATION BRIEFING

I would like to attend the above event and the most suitable time would be:

8.30am _____

2.15pm _____

6.00pm _____

*Please tick appropriate time

Name Contact No.