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Dear Parents & Carers,

We completed the last visits to the new Nursery children this week and they've been coming for 'stay and play' sessions. Thank you to all the families who welcomed us into their homes. Our Reception children stayed all day from Thursday and they're doing brilliantly, especially at lunchtime! We'll feel complete next week when everyone is here.

### After-School Sports Club

We had a presentation in assembly this morning from Richard, one of the Game On sports coaches now working with us in school. The children are loving their new lessons! Game On are offering a Year 1 and Year 2 'Olympics' club. The pupils will experience a range of sports for 10 weeks on Thursdays, beginning on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please send completed forms to the school office via book bags by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Places will be allocated by lucky dip and although these are limited, we may be able to secure additional coaching staff with sufficient demand.

### Welcome Mass – CHANGE OF DATE

Our Welcome Mass next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September is being re-scheduled. Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Sister Anita is working to provide an alternative date which I will send out as soon as we have it. Reception children will come to their first assembly next Friday morning in the main school at 9:10am. We celebrate birthdays and achievements each week. On Friday we will celebrate with children whose birthdays occur up to and including Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Do join us if you can.

### Road Safety

Please be extra vigilant when crossing Camp Road on Monday – Christine, our Lollipop Lady, is not with us on that day. We are hoping to have a replacement but this has not yet been confirmed. The car park at school is for staff only. Please do not queue to park in the playground on Friday mornings as it is both dangerous for pedestrians and prevents staff getting into school. Thank you for the care you are taking to avoid blocking driveways and pavements. We've had a good start to the new term and our neighbours will also appreciate your consideration.

### Cuffley Trips

Year One and Two (and their teachers) are very excited about the trips to Cuffley next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. A range of outdoor activities have been planned as part of our 'Green' learning topic this half-term. It's a great opportunity to build friendships and skills. Please ensure that the children are appropriately dressed in gardening clothes (trousers or jeans) with a waterproof coat.

### Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Don't forget that all the children can wear their own clothes to school on Thursday in exchange for a donation of sweets and chocolates for the Fair. It's best to avoid Crocs or shoes with laces – trainers or school shoes are just fine.

### PTA News

#### Autumn Welcome Fair - Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-3pm

It's a very exciting time! Next week we'll be buzzing with anticipation as preparing for the Autumn Fair. **Please read the following information – we really need your help to make the day a big success.**

#### Raffle Tickets



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Every child has gone home this week with raffle tickets in their bags and a Parentmail was sent out with the list of prizes. Please buy as many as you can and offer them to family and friends. Return stubs, money and unused tickets to the school. Thank you.

### Helping Out

We are still very short of helpers - if you haven't already signed up to a stall please email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com) saying which hour you can help in and we will place you in a team. We especially need a team to set up from 9am on Saturday morning. Please email us to know you are planning to come then so we can plan accordingly.

### Toys, Books and Games

Please bring these in to the Infant school library from Monday 18th September. **Only bring items that are complete and in good condition.** Don't forget soft toys which will be used on the soft toy tombola.

### Cakes

Our cake stall is legendary! Bring donations of cakes and biscuits to the hall on Friday Sept 22nd (ideally end of day but earlier is fine) or to the school playground on the morning of the fair.

### PTA AGM and Social

This is a great opportunity to find out who the PTA Committee are and what they do in an informal atmosphere. Please come along to find out more and see whether you can get involved.

### Pantomime

Once again we are taking over the Arena for our own performance of Aladdin on Saturday 9th December. Tickets will go on sale shortly, look out for the Parentmail and save the date!

*All the money raised by the PTA funds resources and activities that directly benefit your children. They really appreciate the climbing equipment, computers, I-pads, etc. that the funds raised are used to purchase. It will be a brilliant day but I know I'll sleep a little easier knowing that there are more willing hands to help set up, run a stall and tidy up afterwards. We really do have fun and it's a great way to get to know other parents – some of the best friends I have were people I met when sorting toys for a stall or selling cakes at a PTA event here. We have a fantastic school community – thank you so very much for all your support. Remember, every little helps!*

### Don't forget...

Get Your Grown-Ups Gardening with Mrs. Murphy tomorrow from 1 – 4pm – bring your wellies and trowels and we'll provide the tea! It's a relaxed afternoon for all the family. If you're going to the Ball at St Michael's Manor, I'm afraid there are no wellies but do have a wonderful evening and please bid for the Liverpool shirt signed by Steven Gerrard, proceeds to our Infant School anniversary mosaic fund. I'll miss Stevie G from my office but it's in a good cause.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Bernadette Dempsey  
Head Teacher

