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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! I pray that you and your families enjoy a holy, happy and healthy 2017. Thank you for all your kind words and generous gifts at Christmas. A Mass will be offered for all our families to ask God's blessing on the year ahead.

School closure information

It was a chilly start to Friday! I'm sorry I had to cancel assembly but it was important to get everyone here safely.

Certificates and birthdays will be celebrated next week instead. The new school closure notification system worked but I sent a Parent mail message as some parents may not yet have registered. To sign up, please follow:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

The link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change mobile number or email address.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish to so you can add a partner or a grandparent. If you have children at more than one school, you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

Welcome Mrs. Duffey

Mrs. Sarah Duffey has joined our staff team this term. An experienced teacher, Mrs Duffey will be teaching Class 1 on Thursdays and Fridays. I know you will make her feel welcome. It has been a real delight to teach in Reception and has really helped me to get to know all the Foundation Stage children, which has been wonderful.

Admissions 2017

The deadline for online applications for Year 3 and Reception for September 2017 is this Sunday, 15 January. All **parents must complete the online form in addition to paper applications** to our school or Juniors as appropriate. A late application will affect your child's chances of a place so please ensure that you apply on time.

A Healthy New Year

Public Health England has launched a new Change4Life Be Food Smart campaign. We often circulate information related to the theme and you will have seen their TV advertising aimed at improving the health and fitness of our children. Something you may find useful is their 'Be Food Smart' app. It enables children and families to scan barcodes and see how much sugar, fat and salt is in food and drink. More information can be found by following this link https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart?utm_source=Direct#0dtoDh6Uh33ZJf4K.97

The producers of the BBC programme 'Eat Well for Less' are inviting applications from families interested in participating in the forthcoming series. If you would like more information, please call 0117 970 7698 or e-mail: eatwell@rdftv.com



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Helping the elderly

Age UK Hertfordshire are recruiting Home Helpers/Cleaners in St Albans to help older people in their own homes with their domestic chores, cleaning, shopping etc. For many older people this is a vital service which enables them to remain independent and living in their own homes. The work is part time, flexible and can fit in with school times. More details at <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/hertfordshire/job-opportunities> or call 01707 386068.

PTA News

PTA Meeting - the first one of the year is at 8pm on Tuesday 17th January in the Infant school staff room. Please come along if you would like to get involved or to just find out about what we are planning for the coming months. All are welcome.

PTA Quiz - the big event coming up is the quiz on Friday 3rd February. A Parent mail will be going out shortly with all the details. We need help on the night so if you would like to be involved but don't want to be on a quiz team then please send an email to ssaspta@gmail.com.

Raffle Prizes - we are always on the look-out for them! If you have any good quality, but unwanted, Christmas presents for adults or children then please donate them to the PTA for future raffle prizes. Contact the PTA by email or bring labelled items to the school office. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

B Dempsey



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