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Dear Parents & Carers,

12th May 2017

Year One did an excellent job of leading the school in the Crowning of Mary assembly this morning. They have grown so much in confidence and are showing their readiness for Year Two. Thank you for all your contributions of flowers. Please collect a bunch for any neighbours or family members from the main reception area at the end of the day.

Thank you Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Watters

Governors made a presentation in assembly to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Watters to thank them for their hard work and fantastic contribution to the school as Acting Deputy Heads over the past two years. They took on the responsibility initially for one term in 2015 but continued when we found it hard to recruit a Deputy Head. They have put the needs of the school first, working additional days and developing new skills. We are blessed that they will continue in their teaching roles and are now supporting Miss Cannon as the new Deputy Head. Thank you both.

Governor Questionnaire

Marianne McMahon, Reception parent and governor made a short presentation in assembly to bring your attention to the governor's questionnaire which will be distributed shortly. It is a short Survey Monkey which can be completed online and is available in different languages. Please do follow the link in the letter and give us your feedback.

Mobile phones

Please do not use mobile phones or smart watches in school or outside classrooms at the beginning and end of the school day. Parent helpers reading with children are asked to hand their mobiles into the school office on arrival. I know that many parents use phones to take photos but parents should not be taking calls or messages, especially during assembly. Any photos should be of your own child only and be for your personal use, not shared on social media. Some families do not wish their child's image to be used or there may be important safeguarding reasons why a child cannot be photographed. Any breaches may mean a ban on all mobile phones in assemblies, Masses or plays.

Parents should also note that the school does not consent to conversations with staff being recorded using a mobile phone, watch or similar electronic device. Before meetings with teachers in future, you will be asked to switch off your mobile phone and reminded about this rule. You are welcome to make written notes when speaking to a teacher. This is a school environment and we take our responsibility for protecting your children seriously.

General Election – 8th June 2017

Foundation Stage will be closed on election day and there will be no Nursery – my apologies. At short notice, we have organised a trip to Thorpe Bay for the Reception classes. Year One and Two will come to school as normal. I am unable to swap an INSET day as I did for the European referendum in 2016 as it would mean bringing the children into school on Monday 24th July. Year One and Two will have an opportunity for a trip later in the term.

Free Family Fun Day - 21 May 11-4pm

Oaklands College, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL4 0XS are holding a fundraising event in aid of a terminally-ill ten-year-old boy called Shay Murray. You may have read in the local papers that his family are raising funds for a palliative care suite at home. For the children there will be train rides, face painting, inflatables, beat the goalie, animal corner,



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games, tombola's, a magician and more. The adults can enjoy 'Rock Choir', the bar and BBQ and watch the antics at the Gaelic football tournament.

Herts County Show 27th -28th May 2017

We have been given one complimentary family ticket for the Hertfordshire County Show which takes place on 27th and 28th May at the County Showground, Dunstable Road, Redbourn. I will hold a draw for the ticket during assembly next Friday, 19th May. If you would like your name to be included, please inform Mrs. O'Regan. We also have 35 child complimentary tickets which will be available on a first come, first served basis after assembly.

Fidget spinners

These are the latest craze and many of the children enjoy them at home. Fidget spinners are not, however allowed in school. Any found will be confiscated until the end of the school day, when they will be returned to parents.

Foundation Stage Concerts

Do remember we have our Foundation Stage concerts next week – 17 May 9.15-9.45 for Morning Nursery, Flex 1 and Class 2; 18 May 2.30-3.00 for Afternoon Nursery, Flex 2 and Class 1. We hope you can join us! Nursery children should wear their own colourful clothes on the day of their performance. Reception children should wear colourful clothes for **BOTH** days.

PTA News

Nearly New Uniform Sales will be held on Wednesday 17th May from 8.45-9.15 and Thursday 18th May from 2.00-2.30pm (before the Foundation Summer concert). All items will be 50p.

If you have any items to donate, then please bring them to the medical room from Monday next week. Please only send in good quality items and do NOT donate white shirts, socks or shoes, jumpers or cardigans that do not have the school emblem. If you can help at either sale, please email the PTA - ssaspta@gmail.com. Thank you.

Please join us for assembly at 9:10 next Friday, 19th May, when Year 1 will present some of their learning.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards



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