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Dear Parents & Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

### Open classroom & Green day

Last half-term ended so positively thanks to Green Day and Open Classrooms. The children had a wonderful day of outdoor learning and created some lovely planting and weaving that we can all enjoy. Many thanks to the parents and carers who volunteered their time to support the pupils. Many of you commented on the progress you could see when you came in to share books with your children on Friday. It's wonderful to see how excited and proud the children are of all their achievements and it's so much better that just looking through books without your child there to guide you through. Thank you for the excellent turnout.

### KS1 Sports Day – **NEW DATE!**

Our KS1 Sports Day was scheduled for tomorrow however the weather forecast looks very poor and heavy rain is forecast. We have taken the decision to re-schedule KS1 sports. It will now take place on TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. I apologise if this inconveniences you but we felt it better to make a decision today rather than wait until tomorrow morning. I have confirmed that the new date does not clash with the Junior timetable and Mr Soyka has agreed to allow KS2 pupils to leave early on that day if parents wish to take siblings home after lunch.

If you would like to collect Infant children after the Junior Sports on this Friday, please come to the main entrance. I am happy for parents to sign out their children after registration at 1:10 but no later than 1:45. Please discuss this with your child in advance as it is disruptive to our lessons and often upsetting for children if parents turn up and ask them to make a decision about going home or staying at school 'on the spot'. Thank you.

### General Election

Nursery is closed on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and our Reception children are going on a trip to Thorpe Bay. Please assist us by leaving space for the coach to park safely and do not block Vanda Crescent which will prevent pupils from leaving on time. Children should come to the main entrance of school for registration in the school hall, just as they did before their Zoo trip in May.

### Catholic Children's Society

Thanks to your generosity in the Lenten collection boxes, we raised £275 for the Catholic Children's Society. CCS do vital work to support children and families all over the UK. For example, we have been offered training to support children who have been bereaved or affected by family breakdown. Thank you on behalf of the children who will benefit.

### Well done children!

We reward good behaviour in the playground with a trophy for each class, presented after our Monday Act of Worship. The children are thrilled when they achieve all six trophies because they receive a reward (extra playtime, extra golden time, new playground equipment). At the start of this term, we challenged ourselves to achieve six trophies every week until half-term and .... we did it!! After a discussion, our reward will be a non-uniform day, an outward reminder of all the good choices the children have been making, on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE.



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### **Class Photos**

The photographer emailed to say how impressed she was by pupil behaviour and has asked to come back again next year! Our expectations as parents and teachers are high and it's nice to hear someone who visits lots of schools being so complimentary about our children. We have received some feedback on the class photos and have asked the photographer to re-size the images. Revised images will be emailed to school for circulation to parents as soon as possible.

### **Governor Questionnaire**

The parent survey has now closed. Thank you very much to everyone who has already completed the survey. All feedback is valuable and the governors will be sending out a letter this half term with an analysis of the results and any actions arising.

### **Frogspawn and Fir Cones Appeal**

Do you have some frogspawn you can donate? We put it into classroom tanks and observe how it develops. It's a great way for the children to learn about growth and change. If you can spare some, please bring it in and leave it in the main reception area. Thank you.

### **Pentecost Assembly**

Please join us for assembly on Friday when we will celebrate Pentecost. Children may wear something red to school (a t-shirt, dress or jumper) however other items of clothing should be school uniform please.

Kind regards

Bernadette Dempsey

