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Dear Parents & Carers,

9th July 2017

Thank you for your fantastic support at last week's Open Evening. The children were very proud of all their work, especially their exciting 'Space' topic, which has inspired the whole school. Photos can be found on our 'News' page. Do look at the videos on the Year One page; scripted, filmed and directed by pupils. Many thanks to all the staff for preparing the school and to Mrs. Munro for all the refreshments and homemade treats.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Roz and Anna from St Albans Library came on Friday to promote the summer reading challenge. The children were excited by the Animal Agents theme. We want the children to develop a love of books and participation rates are always high. For more information, go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Reports for Nursery and Year Two pupils

Reports will now go home on Tuesday as I'm afraid I hadn't finished signing them! Please accept my apologies for the delay.

Use of mobile phones

Parents are reminded that mobile phones should not be used on school premises. Phones are permitted for photos of your own child during assemblies or school celebrations but should be kept on silent. Any calls should be taken away from areas where pupils are present and texts and emails should not be checked during assembly or at pick-up/drop-off times please.

Safety around school

Only 25% of parents have so far read the **Essential Safety** letter sent last week. To recap:

- * Parents are responsible for supervising children before/after school – children should 'stay close and hold hands'
- * Scooters and bikes must be pushed not ridden on school grounds
- * **ALL** playground equipment is out of bounds
- * Nursery and Reception parents should use the Camp Road 'butterfly' gate, which should only be opened by adults.

KS1 Summer Concert 2017

All tickets have been allocated and will be sent out today. Please note that entry to each concert is strictly by ticket only and parents will not be permitted to stand in the hall doorway as this is our fire exit. Thank you. There will be **no Friday assembly this week** as the first concert begins at 9:15.

Pupil health and wellbeing

Keen to increase pupil activity levels and mindful of parent feedback on after-school clubs, we have appointed GameOn, a specialist sports provider, to run some school PE and after-school clubs from mid-September. We will no longer offer Batchwood tennis, however Monday gymnastics club with Beverley Rees, language clubs and Art club will all continue. There will be more information in the Autumn Term and a special assembly for parents. The children are already very enthusiastic after sample lessons.



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Roof repairs

Work is on schedule and progressing well. The children are respecting the safety rules during the school day. Please support us by having the same high expectations of behaviour and safety at other times.

Grenfell Tower update

We are sending £750 to the appeal fund! Thank you so very much for your very generous donations.

PTA News

Ice lollies

PTA sales were brisk after school on Friday and all the lollies were sold. Thanks to the Year One parents who organised the sale. Another sale is planned this week, weather permitting.

Last Call for the Ball!

There is one table left available for the Ball by the Lake on Saturday September 16th. Tickets cost £55 per person and the table can sit from 8 to 12 people. Places are now open everyone so you are welcome to bring people from outside the school community. We don't know when the next ball will be, so grab the last chance to go now! Email ssaspta@gmail.com if you are interested.

Kind regards



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