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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many thanks to the families who joined teachers last Saturday in the school garden, a small but powerful team!

Arriving and leaving school

Y2 children are now dismissed more efficiently and safely because we can see who is collecting them. Please remind friends and family to queue on the ramp, class 5 on the left closest to school and class 6 on the right by the hedge. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nursery Admissions 2018

We welcomed the first Nursery tours this week. Places on further tours can be booked via the school office. Families with a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 can apply for a Nursery place for September 2018. The application window opens today, Friday 19 January, and closes on Friday 16 February. Applicants must complete our Applications and Options forms. These can be downloaded from www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk Priests will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice in the Parish Hall from 4-6:30 pm on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January. Please take your child with you.

School uniform

Please mark all uniform items clearly with your child's name. School shoes should be black with buckles or Velcro fastenings rather than laces. In poor weather your children are welcome to wear boots but need to bring shoes to change into. Long hair should be tied up, especially on PE days. Children with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings but anklets, bracelets or chains should not be worn; school cannot take responsibility for such items. We encourage children to wear a watch, **however smart watches capable of playing games, accessing the internet or taking/recording images are not permitted.**

Support group for Adoptive Parents

St Peter's School runs a small informal support group, giving parents of school-aged children an opportunity to chat and share experiences, with additional advice and support from Pauline Williams, local education advisor for adopted children. If you know anyone who may find this useful, the next meeting is at 9:00am on Tuesday 6th February.

Dates

I'm meeting with Mr. Soyka next week to discuss dates for this academic year and 2018-19 so these will be with you as soon as possible. All your child's dates (forest school, library, etc.) are on www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk; simply click the 'School Life' tab for a dropdown menu with year group calendars. Please put them in your diary.

Fr. Tom Hewitt MSC – Rest in Peace

Adult representatives from the Infant School will attend Father Tom's funeral next Wednesday. I do not intend to take children but will say special prayers to remember him at school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

B Dempsey

