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Dear Parents/Carers

What a glorious start back to the term it's been. The children have settled well and loved being outside and using the swimming pool.

### Sun Safety

Sun safety is extremely important so please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school and has sun cream (which is not to be shared). We have been asked if the children can wear sunglasses. This is entirely up to parents, but we would ask that they are named. All children do need a sunhat but sunglasses are optional. With regards to sunglasses, the NHS recommends the following:

- *Buy good quality, dark sunglasses (\*plastic lenses for school please)*
- *Check they are up to standard. Good sunglasses don't need to be expensive. Look out for glasses carrying the 'CE' mark and British Standard BS EN 1836:1997, which ensures that the sunglasses offer a safe level of UV protection.*
- *Light coloured eyes are especially vulnerable. Children with light coloured eyes are most at risk from sun damage so take even more care to ensure glasses are worn in the sun.*
- *A wide brimmed or peak cap helps reduce the exposure to sun.*

### Parent Celebration Assembly and Forum

We have our parent celebration assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15 a.m. (until approximately 9:45 a.m.) Please can younger siblings sit with their adults - this applies to church services too. Following directly on from the assembly, parents are invited to stay for our workshop. This time we are looking at the newly drafted behaviour policy and specifically at how parents can support their child in school with their behaviour. This session will be approximately 30 minutes long.

### Joseph Rehearsals

The rehearsals for the school production of Joseph are in full swing. All children are now required at every rehearsal please.

### Year 5 Secondary Admission Meeting

Year 5 parents will know that we are re-scheduling the secondary admission meeting, as we are waiting for the local authority to publish their dates. Some secondary schools have already begun their open days, so please do check on their websites for dates. The new date for the meeting will now be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, by which time you should also have your child CAT test results and the LEA admission timetable should be finalised. We will do this meeting at 5:30pm online - a link will be emailed nearer the time.



## **Reading**

Many thanks to Mrs Gooderham, our English Leader, for organising two author visits, one for KS2 and one for KS1. We know the children will find these sessions fun and inspiring. Mrs Shilling, our librarian, is always updating our library and supporting the children with their book choices. She has recently marked up all the 'dyslexic friendly' books, which the children have found very helpful. The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health - so please keep reading with and to your child. The children are currently completing a survey about their reading. The survey captures information about their reading habits, perceptions and attitudes; ultimately enabling us to create a measure of a pupil's reading engagement and enjoyment levels.

## **Caterlink Meal Prices**

Meal prices increased on 22nd April to £3.23 and Caterlink have informed us that they are rising again from 1st August to £3.37.

## **Snacks**

Children in Wrens, Jays and Owls are provided with fruit every day. Children in KS2 are permitted to bring a snack for break time. Their snack should be healthy and we want to introduce a 'no wrapper' rule, meaning they can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable, but nothing that requires a wrapper (e.g. a cereal bar). All children require a water bottle every day, which can be refilled throughout the day.

## **Parent Drop In and PTA Preloved Uniform Sale**

The next Parent Drop In is being held next Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. The children should be collected as usual before heading to their classroom to see their fantastic work. The PTA will be setting up a preloved uniform sale in the hall at the same time, so if you are in need of any summer uniform, please pop along.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'.

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