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St Catherine's C of E School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer. It has been lovely to see all our returning pupils and meet our new pupils both in Reception Class and throughout the school. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Powell and Mrs Brewer to our staff team. It has been a really lovely first week back.

In other staff news, Mrs Pike will now be Miss Thurston and we would like to congratulate Miss Bruce who married this summer and is now Mrs Phillpotts and Miss Basford in our nursery who also married this summer and is now Mrs Chapman.

Meet the teacher

Next week some of our classes will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings in their classrooms which start straight after school and last approximately 45 minutes. In these meetings, teachers will share information about the learning for the year.

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Reception and Year 6 will be having meetings later to discuss phonics and SATs.

If you are unable to make a meeting, please do arrange to pop in and see the teacher at another time. Any information shared will also be sent home.

School Routines

The school gates will be opened at 8.45 as usual and children can be dropped off at their classroom doors. If children arrive at or after 9, we ask that they are signed in at the office to ensure they are registered as in school. School pick up is from the classroom doors, please can we ask that when you have more than one child to collect, you start with the youngest first as some of the younger children find the waiting more tricky.

Swimming

This term Class One will be swimming. A letter has been sent home to Year 1 parents. Please speak to Mr Hudson if you didn't receive this.

Clubs

Miss Rowe is arranging this term's after-school clubs and will send details and a sign up form out separately. We ask please, that any child signed up for a club commits to at least a half term as this helps to ensure that the club remains cost effective and viable to run.

New year paperwork

At the start of the year we re-do all our school paperwork. You will receive a new home-school agreement as well as a data collection form. This form is vital in keeping our records up-to-date for information such as emergency contacts, allergy or medical information and permissions. Please can you return any forms received as soon as possible. Copies of all forms that are sent out will be put on the school website and Dojo in case they don't get home to you via your child's book bags.

Website

Our current website is being redesigned and we hope to have the new one go live asap – we'll share the link once this happens.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo guidelines have been sent home to help keep this communication service as effective as we can. Please see your class teacher if you have any questions. Dojo portfolios will be explained during meet the teacher meetings.

Friends

Friends will be holding a meeting very soon to map out the events for the year – the dates will be shared via Dojo, Facebook and text. Don't forget you can sign up to the Friends of St Catherine's Facebook group to receive updates about meetings and fund raising events.

Chartwells

New menus for the term have been shared today via Dojo. Please pop into the office to request a copy if you haven't been able to access this. Paper copies will hopefully be provided soon for us to send home.

Advance notice - Provisional dates for the diary

We will be celebrating Harvest on 18th October – further details will be sent out nearer the time. Our Christmas events are currently being booked with our churches and will be confirmed asap. Provisionally we hope to have the Reception/KS1 in Central Methodist on Mon 16th December and KS2 in St Mary's on Tues 17th December but are awaiting confirmations from the churches. Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December and Christmas Craft Day on Thurs 19th December. Half term is from 19th to 27th October and we break for Christmas on 20th December. We will confirm all dates as soon as we can.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Louise Hussey - **Executive Headteacher**

