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May I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy New Year

Online Payments and communications

Thank you all for sending in your email addresses.

Online payment goes live on Monday, January 16th. This will enable any payment, such as dinner money, trips and childcare to be made online. Details of how to access the site will be emailed over the weekend. Newsletters will be sent electronically. Paper copies may be requested from Mrs Cartlidge in the school office.

Nut Allergy

As we have a child with a severe nut allergy in school I am attaching a copy of our policy for you to read. As a school we take the management of this allergy seriously.

Residential Visits

Y5 PGL visit is March 22nd to March 24th 2017

Y6 visit the Briars from April 3rd to April 7th 2017

Telephone numbers

School has two telephone lines. Line 1 **01332 673823** is the main number. On occasions, line 2, **01332 671498** is used.

Please could you make a note of this second number on your mobile phone, so that it recognizes it as school trying to contact you. However, please be aware that this number does not receive incoming calls and you can only telephone school on the main number.

Class DOJO

You should have received the details for accessing the app. We will use Class Dojo to promote positive behaviour in school. Some classes are trialing using the "stories" facility to inform you what your children are doing in school. We welcome any feedback on this. There is the facility to communicate with your child's teacher. Please be aware that it is not always possible for the teachers to respond to messages. Please also use the existing methods of communication with school

Punctuality

School starts at 8:55 am and finishes at 3:30 pm. The inner gates, near Miss Leatham's classroom, will be locked at 9am each day, so you will need to bring your child to the main reception if you arrive after this time.

If you arrange for someone different to collect your child at 3:30pm, you must ensure both the class teacher and the office know.

After School Clubs

Forms for Dodgeball (Wednesdays) and Drama (Mondays) and Central Soccer (Thursdays) are attached. There are places available on all. Drama Club theme this term is Woodland Wonder with a Masterclass midterm.

Uniform

From Autumn Half Term through to Easter, Winter uniform ~ shirt, tie, jumper/cardigan, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress, grey or black tights (girls) black school shoes. Children should be wearing a school tie with a blouse or shirt, not a polo shirt. Please support the school by sending your child in the appropriate uniform, so that we are not nagging the children.

- Please make sure that all items of property have your child's name written clearly in / on each item
- If your child has brought home someone else's property please return it the following day
- Finally, it is not the staff's responsibility to search the school for missing items, however we will always try and help.
- Black school shoes should be worn, not trainers or fashion boots.

Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated.

Pantomime

Thank you so much to everyone who sent a contribution towards the cost of the pantomime. I am pleased to report that it was a great success and the children loved it!

Parking

School is fully aware of the problems when you come to drop off and collect your children. Again, I am asking for you to show consideration for our neighbours. School is constantly receiving phone calls to complain about parking. The complaints range from the time parents are arriving at the end of the school day, (some as early as 2:45pm), parking over white lines so residents cannot access their drives, and even parking on residents drives.

Residents can now take car registration numbers and inform the DVLA about inconsiderate parking. One fine has already been issued. I am in regular contact with the council and the police about this and we are always looking for solutions which will suit all concerned.

Please help by not:

- Parking across peoples drives where egress and access are needed.
- Parking in an unsafe place

Try to park away from school and walk from the car parks nearby.

Please let school know if you change your email address/mobile number

Weather/School Closure

It will be very rare that the school would close early. If, however, weather conditions are very poor during a school day and parents decide to come early, then the children are allowed to leave school **with** their parents. Children will not be allowed to leave with anyone else unless school receives a telephone call or a note from you.

If the weather conditions, or an unexpected event (fire, major gas leak etc.) force a closure of the school prior to the start of the school day – A text message or email would be sent to all parents. Local radio will also inform of school closures.

Dates **2017**

January 16 th ~	Y5/6 Mr Blurton's class Liturgy at 3:00pm in the Infant hall
January 17 th ~	Master Cadet Meeting 3:35pm in the Infant Hall
January 18 th ~	RSE (Relationship, Sex Education) Information Meeting for Y5 parents Infant Hall
January 23 rd ~	Y4 Mrs Ruston-Donald's class Liturgy at 3:00pm in the Infant Hall
January 25 th ~	Y5 and Y6 Drum Concert
February 1 st ~	Y2 Class Mass (Mrs Leatherland's & Miss Leatham's Y2's) at 9:30am in the Infant Hall
February 5 th ~	Y3 Parish Mass at 10:30am at St Alban's Church
February 6 th ~	Y1 Liturgy at 3:00pm in the Infant Hall
February 10 th ~	INSET DAY School will be closed to children as staff have a joint INSET Day with the other Catholic Schools in Derby
	HALF TERM
February 20 th ~	Return to school
March 1 st ~	Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9:30 am
March 6 th ~	Y2 Liturgy at 3:00pm in the Infant Hall
March 15 th ~	Y1 Liturgy (Miss Broderick's & Miss Leatham's Y1's)
March 14 th /15 th /16 th	Parent's Evening
March 20 th ~	Y3/Y4 Mr Campbell's class Liturgy at 3:00pm in the Infant Hall FS2 Height/Weight/Vision/Hearing checks
March 22 nd ~	Y5 PGL Residential trip until Friday, March 24 th
March 24 th ~	PTA Mother's day Sale
March 27 th ~	Tempest Class Photographs
April 2 nd ~	Y4 Parish Mass at 10:30am at St Alban's Church
April 3 rd ~	Y6 Residential Briars trip until April 7 th
April 7 th ~	Y5 Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm at St Alban's church END OF TERM
April 24 th ~	Return to school