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Dear Parents & Carers,

Weather Conditions

During the extremely warm weather conditions could you please apply Sun cream to your child before school and send some in with your child with a note for the class teacher if your child needs a re-application. A cap is also advisable. Thank you.

Annual School Reports and Parents drop in

On this coming Thursday 14th July, you will receive your child's annual school report. On Monday 18th July a parent's drop in session will be held for you to pop into school if you wish to discuss your child's report and on-going progress. You are welcome to speak to your child's old teacher about their report and their new teacher regarding transition. Teachers will be available from 3.15- 5.00pm. An appointment is not required. If you are unable to attend on the Monday and would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school as soon as possible, to arrange a more convenient date and time.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day- Friday 15th July at 1.15pm

As mentioned in previous correspondence the Key Stage 2 Sports Day will be held this coming Friday 15th July at 1.15pm. It will be held on the field to the right of the Sports Hall. Parents and Carers are very welcome to join us from 15 minutes before the start, entering the site using the single gate above Nursery and walking down to the double gates to the right of the Sports Hall to enter the field.

Re-arranged Sponsored Walk- Monday 18th July at 1.30pm.

You very welcome to join your child for the Sponsored Walk coming through the Key Stage 1 gate to the back of the site to join your child from 1.25pm. The money raised heavily subsidises our offsite visits so we would be very grateful for as many sponsors as possible.

Year 6 Leaver's Service- Tuesday 19th July 2022

The service will take place at St. Margaret's Church on Tuesday 19th July at 1.45pm. Year 6 parents & carers are welcome to join us.

Toy Day- Wednesday 20th July

On the final day of term Wednesday 20th July, the children have the opportunity to bring in a toy from home. Could you please make sure it is not something too valuable in case it gets damaged.

New start and finish times for September 2022 for Reception to Year 6

The DFE through the White Paper have stated they would like to address the discrepancy of teaching time in schools. They will therefore introduce a minimum expectation on the length of the school week for Reception to Year 6 of 32.5 hours (the current average) for all mainstream state-funded schools.

Our current school day for Reception and Key Stage 1 is 30 hours 50mins and Key Stage 2 is 31 hours 15mins. We are therefore moving to 32.5 hours in September alongside the other Trust schools that don't already have a 32.5 hour week. The school day will start from 8.45am and finishing at 3.15pm before moving into our after school club programme.

The gates will open at 8.40am and rather than waiting on the playground, the children will come straight into school through their designated door at 8.45am to register before starting Worship at 8.50am. On an evening the gates will open at 3.10pm, Key Stage 1 children will be collected by

parents and carers from the playground to reduce congestion around the KS1 door, all other children will be collected from their designated exit.

50th Anniversary Open Day- Friday 30th September 2022 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 50th Anniversary celebrations will now take place on **Friday 30th September**. Past and present pupils, parents and staff are welcome to join us. We will be holding a Eucharistic Service with the children leading presentations through the five decades as well as displaying their projects. We will have old photographs and registers on display as well as a colour run before the end of the day. Please save the date and let other people know that have now left the school. There will be more information in due course.

Please note there will be a PD day on Thursday 1st September. The children in Reception to Year 6 will begin the new academic year on Friday 2nd September 2022.

Due to statutory First Aid Training during the first two days of term for the staff working in St. Peter's Ark and Nursery, the children attending these classes will return to school on Monday 5th September 2022.

Thanks for your continued support.

Richard Unthank
Head Teacher