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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope that you had a fabulous summer break and are all refreshed and recharged for the new year ahead. The children have started back magnificently; their attitudes are first class, they look really smart and are all keen to make a good impression. This is great to see.

We have updated our 'Behaviour Policy' which will be available on our website and the teachers have been going through the changes with the children this week. At the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting these will be explained fully to you also.

You will also have received information about assemblies and school events that will take place throughout the year which I look forward to seeing you at.

Welcome Mass

We are holding a very special welcome mass on **Sunday 30th September 2018** for our new Reception class. The mass will form part of the regular 10.30am mass at English Martyrs and will be celebrated with Father Mark. It is sure to be a wonderful occasion. A separate letter will be sent out to families.

Meet the Teacher

Will take place at **3.30pm on Wednesday 19th September 2018** and will provide an opportunity to meet with the class teacher. This is a really important session that we hope you or a family member can attend. Child care will be provided for parents who need it.

Late arrival/late collection/early leavers signing in system

Any child arriving at school after 8.55am will need to be signed in by the parent/carer with a reason why they are late at the school office. The same will also apply for late collection or early leavers. This will be in effect from next Wednesday (12th September 2018) Thank you your co-operation in advance.

Happy Birthday Reminder

Just a quick reminder that children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school when it is their birthday as we want to recognise their special day and celebrate with them.

If your child's birthday is at the weekend or in a holiday they can choose to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before or the Monday after the weekend.

If their birthday falls in the summer holiday then they can wear their own clothes on the Friday that we break up (**19th July 2018**) I hope this is clear but please come and ask if you need further clarification.

School Dinner Money

We need to emphasise that dinner money **must** be paid in advance via parent pay. We still have a few parents that are not adhering to this. As a school we cannot afford to write any debts off. I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

FSM

It is really important that parents who qualify for FSM apply, even if your child is in KS1, to enable the school to receive additional funding and to sustain the staffing and resources to meet your children's needs. If you require any support or further details then please pop into school.

Home School Diaries

The home school diaries are currently on order. We hope to have these very soon. Thank you

Whole School Sponsored Event

Building on from the success of last years' sponsorship day we will be holding another event with the support of Premier Sports on **Friday 5th October 2018**. The money raised will directly benefit your child and will be used to help fund educational trips or visitors into school, as well as the termly treats we provide for good behaviour and the winning House teams. I will write out with further information early next week. Thank you for your continued support.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 27th September 2018 at 2.30pm we are hosting a 'Coffee and Cake' afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be asking for cake donations nearer to the time and I look forward to welcoming you into school for this very worthy event.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please note that all school led and Premier Education Sports clubs will begin week beginning 17th September 2018. Information and sign up letters will be sent via 'Parent Paperwork' and we will be allocating places on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Once again this year Premier Education will be providing wraparound child care here at St John Fisher. The breakfast club will run EVERY DAY from 7.40am - 8.40am before school and the after school club will run from 3.15pm - 5.45pm.

The cost will be £4 for the breakfast club and £7 for the after school club. Children will be provided a basic breakfast of cereal or toast each day along with juice or milk at the breakfast club and sandwiches at the after school club.

The club will also include activities to engage the children with the option of gentle sport activities or art and crafts/board game type activities.

To book a place for your child/children at the wraparound care provision, please use the email address below or contact James or one of his team on the number below on the telephone number below.

James Jennison Premier Sport jjennison@premier-education.com 07980 276488

Dates for your diary - up until October half term 2018

'Meet the Teacher'	Wednesday 19 th September 2018	3.30pm
Parent Lunch	Tuesday 25 th September 2018	11.45am
Macmillan coffee afternoon	Thursday 27 th September 2018	2.30pm
Welcome Mass for Year R (English Martyrs Church)	Sunday 30 th September 2018	10.30am
'Called' class assembly	Friday 19 th October 2018	9.10am
Harvest Mass	Friday 26 th October 2018	9.30am

A final thought

Keep working hard and success will follow

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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