



7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term break?

The weather in Spain was very mixed and once again we saw some torrential rain but also some sunshine.

This is a very busy half term during which we will try to keep you updated on current events.

You will be aware from my previous letter that there will be some staff changes next academic year. Miss Grice is leaving us and will be replaced in Reception by Miss Kimberley.

PP1 will be taught by a new member of staff Miss Forster who we look forward to welcoming to the school.

Miss Simpson moves to P3 and during her Maternity leave will be covered by Mrs Parrish who has worked at the school previously and is familiar with the P3 curriculum.

All children will move up to spend the day with their new teachers on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Class teachers for next year are as follows:

- Nursery Mrs Taylor / Mrs Barlow
- Reception Miss Kimberley
- PP1 Miss Forster
- PP2 Mrs Podmore / Mrs Hutchinson
- P3 Miss Simpson (Mrs Parrish)
- P4 Mr Hood and Mrs Moore
- P5 Mr Dawes
- P6 Miss Buttery

Parents in the current Nursery, Reception, PP2 and P5 are welcome to attend our Transfer Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm when you will have an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher as they move up into new departments or begin their final year with us. For catering purposes, if you have not responded already please email Mrs Pickford to confirm your attendance.

### Uniform

Please could I remind everyone about our uniform especially the boys.

Boys in P5 and P6 are given the option to wear long trousers in the summer although we prefer shorts.

All boys shorts should be plain grey shorts, the shorts with side pockets are not part of our uniform.

May I also reiterate that from September 2010 school policy was that all clothing items should be named with the stitch-in type name labels. Marker pens and biro wear off; this makes it difficult for the children and staff to identify clothing. Please ensure that footwear is also clearly labelled.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Our uniform is one feature which makes us special and we appreciate everyone wearing it correctly.

## Captain Martin Hewitt

On the note of being special Captain Hewitt came in to give a riveting talk about his 'Walking with the Wounded' expedition to the "North Pole". The children were very interested and asked many relevant questions - we now know how you go to the toilet in sub-zero conditions without getting frozen!

At the end of the presentation Captain Hewitt commented on the behaviour and general demeanour of our children, he has spoken in several schools and said that he has never come across a school with such well-behaved, articulate children. Well done everyone.

We intend to follow his next expedition to Mount Everest next May. [www.walkingwiththewounded.org.uk](http://www.walkingwiththewounded.org.uk)

## Diary dates

- 10<sup>th</sup> June 'Bring-a-Cake' for the PTA Family Fun event
- 11<sup>th</sup> June BBQ / Family Fun event here at school 2-00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day at St Joseph's College Sports field Nursery, Reception and Pre Prep 9-30 to 11-30am. Prep Department 1-15 to 2-45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Cheese & Wine Transfer Evening for current Nursery, Reception, PP2 and P5 and new parents 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> June Team photos (kits needed for team members and Pre Prep Ballet kits)
- 14<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebration Mass 2pm led by Father Philip Griffin St. Teresa's Church (Communion and Confirmation candidates to bring in their dresses / sashes – Ward-Hendry has been booked for photographs)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June P6 Drayton Manor Park and Zoo
- 1<sup>st</sup> July Prep Prize Giving and Concert at Stoke Repertory Theatre 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Design/Technology Week including Lego workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Pre Prep Prize Giving in School Hall at 2pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> July P3/P4 Gladstone visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Nursery assembly 9am followed by Nursery and Reception Prize Giving
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Mass 2pm St. Teresa's Church
- 13<sup>th</sup> July Move Up Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Choir picnic
- 15<sup>th</sup> July End of Term. Leaver's assembly 9-30 am (Joes Club as usual from 3-25pm until 5-50pm)

We look forward to welcoming you to some of these events during the next few weeks, as you can see we will be very busy as we head to the end of term.

I take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their support, particularly on the catering front at the various events we have scheduled.

Yours sincerely,

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**Headteacher**