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Dear Parent

Reception 2017

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest and youngest pupils who started their school life yesterday. We also welcome our new families and our hope is that they will enjoy their time as part of this wonderful community.

*I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts,
there can be no more hurt, only more love.*

Saint Teresa

End of Day Arrangements

Thank you for your perseverance and positive response to the end of day arrangements. Anecdotal evidence suggests that many of you are happy and very supportive about these arrangements. In order to keep the flow and clearance, so that all parents and children benefit from the space, it is really important not to linger once you have collected your child. If you need to see your child's teacher please move over to the school building main entrance/foyer out of the way of the collection points. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Beginning of the School Day

Our routine is unchanged and works well. The teacher /teaching assistant on duty will open the school gate to allow the children to walk through. An adult will remain at the top by the school gate. The children should not advance forward – from the **first yellow post** - until the adult has opened the gate, moved to the yellow post and asked the children to come forward.

A further reminder to encourage you to monitor your children until they are passed over to a member of staff - some children are running around parked cars but really need to be settled with you before they come in to school. Thank you.

School Uniform and Presentation

The children have returned clean and fresh and very smart. There are a few rather extreme hairstyles creeping in among the boys which may be appropriate over the summer break but are not so appealing at school. 'Mohican' cuts and close shaved heads with longer hair on top are not in keeping with the expectations of school. You are asked to change these hair styles as soon as possible to match those of the majority of their peers and respond positively to our school expectations.

Thank you.

LOST Property – we are already inundated with lost jumpers and coats from last week- first week of term! Due to the amount of lost property we accrue in any given week – and the lack of space to keep items – we shall be disposing of the items every fortnight from now on. **Our assumption is that if an item has not been looked for within two weeks it is not wanted.** PLEASE put names on your children’s clothes so that they can rightfully be given their property if found lying around. Thank you.

Water bottles – the children drinking water aids their concentration and therefore helps them to learn more in each school day. In warmer weather, water is needed to rehydrate thirsty children after play and lunch times. Bottles provided by you for this purpose must be labelled with your child’s name or they will most certainly end up in the Lost Property... (see above). Thank you.

School Fund

Many families contribute to school fund via our Gift Aid account – however this is less than half of our families. If you are not giving in this way, then we ask you to support the school by providing £15 per year per family. This figure has not increased in years and it is a way of supporting us to support your child. In today’s economy it is not too much to ask anyone. **It works out at just under 40p per school week!!!**

[Our thanks to those who give to our school fund every year without hesitation.](#)

E-Safety – This is one of the most important elements of safety for children in our world today. Each week we will include an e-safety ‘tip of the week’ – please note and if you have any of your own we would be grateful if you would pass them on. Thank you.

Keep your privacy settings as high as possible

Dates for Your Diary – correction

December

2nd

KS2 – Theatre Trip – Treasure Island

Rep. Theatre.

After school dance

After school dance will resume next Wednesday 21st September.

Yours sincerely,



H. M. Cusack
Headteacher