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Dear Parent

### **ACTIVE SCHOOL Week 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

To encourage activity amongst all our pupils and to support Mr Davis and his marathon run, all children across the school will run a marathon (in a **combined effort**)! Infant children will run 1 mile and junior children will run 2 miles. They will run around the perimeter of the astro field and playground (note changed route) 8 times (1 mile) or 16 times (2 miles). **We invite parents/staff to take up this challenge with their children TO COMPLETE THE 26 MILES on Friday evening after school...**

### **Thank You & Goodbye!**

On Friday we say 'goodbye' to Miss Donohoe, who has worked with our Y2 class since September. She is leaving to return to Ireland. We shall certainly miss Miss Donohoe but wish her all the very best for her new life and direction. We thank you for all that you have done for the children during the two terms you have been here. God bless!

### **E-safety TIP of the week**

**You never need to give anyone you don't know your full name, or your address**

### **Parking Around School**

We have received more concerned comments about the selfish and inappropriate way parking takes place at the beginning and end of the school day. There really is no excuse for this. You need to manage your time and arrange to park and stride rather than simply flout rules and safety. This is about everyone being considerate, polite and putting children's safety above all else.

### **End of Day Pick Up – Reception Parents**

In order for staff to be able to pass children over safely at the end of the day they need to be able to see the adult to whom they pass the child. Currently adults are crowding around the entrance to the school and making this very difficult. Please **do not come forward of the parent shelter** which will leave sufficient space for parents to see their little one (and vice versa). Thank you!

There is a small group of governors (who are parents)/staff looking at the congestion issue at end of day. Plans are being developed for September, once these have been fully discussed, the new arrangements will be sent out to all parents. The space is not going to grow and the amount of children is – so something needs to change to keep our children safe and happy. It involves us all being patient and courteous. Thank you, as always, for your support.

**“Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That's what love looks like.”**

St Augustine



### **School Dinners & Payment**

With immediate effect, **ALL** cheques paying for school meals **MUST** be made payable to 'Birmingham City Council'. In order for us to process correctly you should write '**school meals**' on the reverse of the cheque. Thank you!

### **Admissions 2016 - IMPORTANT**

If your child has been offered a place for Reception for September could you please return the acceptance slip. We are still awaiting responses from 6 children who have siblings here. Failure to do so may result in your child's place going to a child on our waiting list (of which there are many).

**The last response date is 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.**

### **School Nurse**

Please note that there is a drop in facility at the Quinton Lane clinic each Monday between 3.00 and 5.00 pm.

The next school nurse clinic in school is scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.



**NEXT WEEK** – School is closed on Monday (Bank Holiday) and Thursday (Local Elections).

Yours sincerely,

*H M Cusack*

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Headteacher

