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Dear Parents

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Gates

As we returned from the school holidays we reviewed the gate opening times with a view to improving the security of the site and the safety of the children.

Last year the gates were opened up from 2.50pm, but a number of parents still tried to enter the site earlier, which posed a problem, as the children were often still using the playground for lessons. We therefore felt that this compromised the security of the site and the safety of the children.

With the aforementioned in mind we have trialled opening the gates at a later time each day, but this has highlighted issues for some parents collecting from the Nursery and also from main school. We have therefore decided to try to remedy the issues identified, by opening the Nursery Gate off the High Street at 2.55pm and the other main gates at 3.00pm; starting with the gate by Kiddicare followed by the gate at the bottom of the steps of the Verdin Car Park and then the gate off the High Street. This will enable the children to make the most of the playground for lessons before the time specified; the staff will also take the children into school at 3.00pm each day to ensure the safety of all concerned.

Should you have any further comments regards to this or any other issue, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Year 6

Each year we ask the Y6 to apply for different roles across the school. These include Safety Officers, Art Leaders, Librarians, Play Leaders and Sports Leaders to name but a few. These have been allocated and the children will now be trained in each area. We look forward to them undertaking their roles.

School Council

I am delighted to inform you that the following Y6 children have been selected to be School Council Members:

- Maddison G Joshua W-B
- Isabelle B Harvey E
- Katie A Harrison B
- Jennifer B Harley K
- Jessica D Charlie D

Absence

Unfortunately I write to inform you that I am likely to be absent from school, as I am due to have an operation on the 23rd September. In my absence, Mrs Lowe will assume the majority of my daily duties, although I will still be in contact with the school. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Robbins, Miss Garnett and Mr Askey will support Mrs Lowe during this period. Sadly I was not able to persuade the National Health Service to admit me during the summer holidays, but hopefully I will be back sooner rather than later.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 25th September from 9.30am until 11.00am in the school hall. All proceeds from the morning will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Research. If you are able to support this event by donating some cakes which can be sold by the school council members, then please can you send them into school on Tuesday 24th September. Access to the

coffee morning will be from the Upper Verdin Car Park gate and through the glass corridor. We hope that you can join us.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we have had a few cases of head lice reported in school. Please can you check your child's hair this weekend and treat if required. Please can we also remind you that all children with long hair (girls and boys) should have their hair tied back to reduce the chance of spreading head lice. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Parents / Teacher Meetings

These will be held during the week beginning 14th October. A further letter will be distributed nearer to the time. However, should you need to discuss any matters with your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact them.

New Starters

We will be holding a series of tours around the school on the following dates for parents who may wish their child to start at High Street in September 2020:

Tuesday 24th September @ 9.30am
Monday 14th October @ 9:45am
Tuesday 22nd October @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 6th November @ 1.30pm
Thursday 14th November @ 9.30am
Wednesday 27th November @ 1.30pm

Should you wish to view the school on one of these occasions, please contact the school office to register your interest. Tel: 01606 288188

PTA Meeting

The PTA Committee will be meeting at High Street on Monday 16th September at 3.30pm to discuss fundraising activities and activities to support the children. All parents / friends of the school are welcome to attend. Please note that there will be a member of staff to look after children during the meeting.

High School Applications

Please note that if you have a Y6 child who is due to start High School in September 2020, then you need to apply for a place at your chosen High School by 31st October 2019. Applications should be made through the Cheshire West and Chester website.

Should you have any concerns or wish us to explain something in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us. As with all school related matters, your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. However, if you need further assistance with a matter then a member of the Senior Leadership team will be happy to assist.

Harvest Festival Celebration Services

Our Harvest Festival services will take place in a variety of venues this year led by children from different year groups.

- The EYFS (Nursery and Foundation Stage) children's services will be held in the school hall on Friday 11th October at 9.15am and 2.45pm. Parents of Nursery children are invited to attend the first performance. Parents of FS are invited to attend the afternoon service due to the number of spaces available.
- The Key Stage 1 service will be held at St Andrew's Methodist Church on Wednesday 9th October at 9.30am. (Year 1 parents are invited to attend as these children will lead the service). Y2 children will form the choir, but unfortunately there will not be sufficient space to accommodate the parents of these children. There will be opportunities later in the term for these parents to see their children in other performances.

- The Year 3 children will be leading the KS2 service with Y5 at the United Reform Church on Thursday 10th October at 9.45am. (Year 3 and 5 parents are invited to attend with the Y3 leading the service with Y5 as the choir).
- The Year 4 and Year 6 children will take part in a Harvest Service led by Y3 at school. Unfortunately we can't accommodate parents, but there will be opportunities later in the term when these children will take the lead and parents will be invited.
- As part of our Harvest Services this year we will be collecting food contributions in support of the 'Mid Cheshire Foodbank' which supports families in need through low income, who are in debt or who are experiencing Benefit delays. (Contributions of dried foods, biscuits, cakes and tinned produce can be brought into school from Monday 30th September onwards).

Kind regards

Mark Joule
Head teacher