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Dear Parents

WELCOME

Welcome back to the start of a new school year; I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and feel rested and ready for the school year ahead. It has been so lovely to welcome your children back to school this week; they have settled into their new classes extremely well and look very smart. We also welcome Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Binning and Miss Grayson, who have joined our staff team this year. We are looking forward to continuing our close partnership with you all to help ensure that your child has a happy and successful year.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

The value for September is friendship. We will be discussing with children how to be a good friend to all and why friendships are important. This value will form the basis of our collective worship each morning and will also be discussed in class.

SIAMS INSPECTION

On Tuesday 16th July the school received its SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools) inspection. We are delighted to inform you that the school received an overall judgement of excellent which is the highest judgement that can be awarded. We are particularly pleased with this as we were inspected under a new and more rigorous framework and became only the second school in the Diocese of Lichfield to receive this judgement. Please find attached a copy of the inspection report.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Ben will be leading our Holy Communion and Blessing Service for Years 1- 6 on Thursday 26th September at 9.10am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

HARVEST

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 10th October in St. Bartholomew's Church at 9.30am. All parents are very welcome to attend. Could any gifts please be brought into school on Wednesday 9th October. These will be donated to Wolverhampton Food Bank.

TEACHER TRAINING DATES 2019-2020

A reminder that school will be closed to all children on the following dates for INSET:

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

There will be one further training day during the course of the school year. We will advise you of this date as soon as it has been set.

PARKING

Please park considerately, legally and safely on Sedgley Road, ensuring that our children are safe and that all residents have access to their private drives and pavements are clear for pedestrians. It is very important that no parents park on double yellow or zig-zag lines or on the pavement in order to help keep all pedestrians safe. Can I also remind parents not to use the staff carpark at any time when dropping off or collecting children (including from clubs that are held after school). This is in order to keep all of our pupils safe at these times.



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DINNER AND MILK MONEY

A reminder that dinner money is £2.30 per day (£11.50 a week). If you would like your children to have milk, the cost of this is £13.30 for the term. At St. Bart's, we operate a cashless payment system and we therefore ask that all payments are made through Agora. If you do not have login details to access this, please ask at the school office.

SCHOOL FUND

Thank you to those families who have provided school fund donations which will help to provide a whole range of extra resources and activities for our children. (Recommended donation of £5 per child - £10 for three or more children).

MORNING ACCESS TO SCHOOL

In the interests of ensuring your child's health and safety when arriving at school in the morning, please could I remind you that the gates are open between 8.45 and 9.00am. Please ensure that children access the school through the school gates and enter via the appropriate entrance. All parents are politely reminded that lessons begin at 9.00am and at this time the gates will be locked. Any child arriving after this time, should access the school through the main entrance and sign in at reception. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PE KITS

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and warm outdoor kit in school each day. It is essential that children have a pair of trainers with a good grip for outdoor games.

JEWELLERY

Can I please remind all parents that, in accordance with the school uniform policy, children should not wear any jewellery to school (excluding watches and recognised jewellery worn for religious purposes). This includes all earrings. Please ensure that all jewellery is removed before coming to school. Children will be asked to remove jewellery and teachers will keep this safe until the end of the school day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A letter with important dates for your diary for the forthcoming school year will be sent out shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that St. Bart's operates an open door policy; if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to let us know, please feel free to come in and see us. We look forward to a happy and successful school year as we work together for your children.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher