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Dear Parent/Carer,

The term is progressing happily and all our new starters have settled in incredibly well.

The children continue to look smart and their uniforms so thank you to everyone, there are only a small number of children who have been reminded about correct uniform (including footwear) and steps have been taken to ensure that in future they do meet the policy requirements.

**Scholastic book fair**

Book fair begins Friday 22nd sept and runs through until the following Wednesday 27th. It will be available after school and any money the school makes will be matched by Scholastic.

**Outdoor Education**

Children in some Year Groups have officially started their outdoor education this week and they have thoroughly enjoyed it (as have the staff!). If your child is due to attend any of these sessions please ensure that they have old, warm clothes, wellies and waterproof coats (waterproof trousers are a bonus!). The children do have access to shelter but many of the sessions do still take place if it is inclement so they need to be warm. All children will participate in this programme over the school year and will also have some ‘into nature’ Forest school sessions.

If there are any families who have spare old clothing that their children have grown out of: jumpers, hats, wellies, coats etc please (please!) send them into school as these are really useful to us when inevitably someone forgets to bring theirs.

**Parent pay**

We continue to experience some small difficulties with the Parent Pay system, this is with the providers system and not within our own administrative systems, therefore, we are unable to control the timescale to solve any teething problems. After lengthy conversations with the company this week, we feel we are beginning to resolve many of them and understand from them, that when swapping systems, they often require a period of ‘grace’ to embed the new services. To assist this process, would Parents/Carers who have outstanding balances on their school meal accounts, please note the meals have been paid for from our own school budget and not funded by our contracted meals provider Taylor Shaw. As our budget is already stretched this does impact on our decision making and resources. With this in mind it is imperative Parents/Carers ensure they pay accounts up to date as soon as possible or set up a regular payment pattern. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

All changes from packed lunch to school dinner must be made in writing to the office. Children in Year 3 must now pay for a school meal if they require one, as they the universal free school meal only applies until the end of Year 2. (Unless the family are entitled to Free School Meals due to benefits claimed.)

The invoices for July’s Daycare and Breakfast Club have been placed onto the Parent Pay system for payment, we are aware some Parents have already worked out how much they owe and paid an estimated amount via mobile banking. Once we have received our final bank statements we will begin to allocate debits and credits against your child’s account and update Parent Pay as necessary.

***Many thanks for all your patience during the transition to Parent Pay, we honestly are finding it as frustrating as you and look forward to it all be sorted!***

**School day**

The morning routine continues to benefit the children with most children in school and settled quite early. This has however, raised awareness of our many ‘late’ children who arrive after 8:55 and therefore enter the classroom very late. These children do find it difficult to keep up with their learning and as our assemblies begin at 9am, they often have to walk into assembly in front of the whole school which can feel a little intimidating. Please make every effort to send your child to school on time.

**Ski Trip - Information session reminder**

For the first time, children at King Street are having the opportunity of a residential trip abroad. This trip is planned to take place in March next year. It will be organised and facilitated by our Outdoor Learning Team (Real Adventure Through Sport). Steve Kenna, the company leader, will be hosting an information event for parents on Tuesday 19th September at 4:30pm. This is a short informative event which will help you decide if you wish your child to attend. At present the company is currently confirming the final price based on the cost of flights. Final confirmation will be given at the information event and payment booklets issued. I hope this is an event that will be repeated every year for our future Year 6 children.

**Book sale and sealed bids**

The book sale has gone amazingly well and all of our children should now have a lovely stock of new books to keep them busy! Sealed bids will be opened tonight and winners will be notified next week – fingers crossed for the lucky winners, there were some super items for sale.

**Diary dates**

Upcoming events for the school year are attached- please note the Friends of the school Halloween disco **is now 30th October.**

**An Eco Greenhouse**

Our Site manager, Geoff, is doing his bit for the environment and is building an eco friendly greenhouse – out of plastic bottles. Apparently he needs close to 1000 bottles! Can we please ask if you have any empty 2 litre pop bottles, can you please send to school and we will pass them on for you. When the greenhouse is completed we will post some photos for you all to see.

A reminder that KS2 children can now bring a piece of fruit into school for morning break – this should help alleviate the grumbling tummies and keep them going until lunch. Please also note that we do advocate being a nut free school due to a number of children having nut allergies of differing severities. Please try and ensure that packed lunches and any party snacks brought into school are nut free where possible as this medical condition can be affected by airborne spores. Thank you for your assistance in this as children’s safeguarding is our priority.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please speak to a member of staff or contact me through the office or on the yard.

Yours Sincerely

Miss J Nugent

****Key Dates for Academic Year 2017-18

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| Date | Time | | Event |
| Tuesday 12th – Tuesday 19th September 2017 | 3.00 – 3.30 | | School Book Fair & Art Auction |
| Wednesday 13th September | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Cross Country tournament |
| Monday 18th September | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 6 Transition Day at Whitworth Park School |
| Tuesday 19th September | 4.30 – 5.00 | | Year 6 Parents’ Meeting – Ski Trip |
| Friday 22nd – Wednesday 27th September | 8.30 – 9.00  3.00 – 3.30 | | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Tuesday 26th September | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 2 Trip to Botanic Gardens TBC |
| Friday 29th September | 1.30 | | Harvest Festival at St. Andrew’s |
| Monday 2nd October | 9.00 – 3.00 | | Year 6 Trip to Nissan |
| Tuesday 3rd October | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Football League begins |
| Friday 13th October | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 3 & 4 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th October | 3.00 – 6.00 | | Parents’ Evening |
| Tuesday 17th October | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Thursday 19th October | 3.30 – 4.45  5.00 – 6.15 | | NO LONGER THE HALOWEEN DISCO!! |
| Thursday 19th October | 5.45 | | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| Friday 20th October | ALL DAY | | CPD Day – School Closed  Holiday Club Available |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 31st October | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens  EYFS & KS1 Halloween Disco  KS2 Halloween Disco |
| Wednesday 1st November | | 5.00 | Open Evening for Prospective Reception Parents |
| Tuesday 7th November | | 12.00 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition |
| Wednesday 8th November | | 3.45 – 5.00 | Year 5 & 6 Netball League begins |
| Friday 17th November | | ALL DAY | Children In Need |
| Monday 24th November | | 9.30 - 12.00 | Year 2 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 27th November | | 4.00 | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Friday 1st December | | 3.00 – 5.30 | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 4th December | |  | Nativity Tickets On Sale |
| Friday 8th December | | 9.00 - 12.00 | Year 5 & 6 Boccia Tournament |
| Wednesday 13th December | | 9.30  2.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity  KS2 Christmas Nativity |
| Thursday 14th December | | 9.30  2.00 | KS2 Christmas Nativity  EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity |
| Tuesday 19th December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | | 11.00  1.00 – 3.00 | Advent Service at St. Andrew’s  Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 21st December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Friday 22nd December | | 5.45 | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Friday 2nd February | | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Friday 9th February | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 19th February | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Friday 9th March | | 11.30 | Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea |
| Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 23rd March | | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 16th April | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May | |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 4th June | | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |