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Dear Parents,

Half term is almost upon us and it feels as if the last few weeks have flown by. It only seems such a short time ago that we were welcoming everyone to their new classes. The children are all now settled into their routines and lots of new and exciting learning is taking place. I hope that you all found the Parent/Teacher consultations to be beneficial and that you enjoyed looking at the children's work.

Spotlight on Africa

The children should have now brought home information and an envelope about the charity. We ask that the children do some jobs at home over the half term break for a donation to Spotlight on Africa. All donations should be brought into school on the first day back after the half term.

Goodbye

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Roberts who leaves us on Friday. Mr Roberts has worked here for a number of years as a Teaching Assistant and a Sports Coach. He is leaving us to further his career as a fulltime Sports Coach. We shall miss his cheerful personality and enthusiasm but wish him well.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs must not be brought on to the school premises. This includes any area to the front of the school within the school boundary. Some children and adults are frightened of or do not like dogs and therefore should not have to walk past them on their way into or out of school.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy states that children should wear grey trousers, skirts, pinafores or shorts. I have noticed that there are some children wearing black items of clothing. These are not part of our uniform so should not be worn. Our policy also states that children should wear black shoes.

School Website

The year group blogs on the school website are now up and running again after a bit of a delayed start due to some technical issues! Each year group adds regular posts detailing what the children have been learning in class. If you check the blogs regularly you will be able to keep up with the learning activities going on.

We also put all our newsletters on the website so if you think you have missed a newsletter or mislaid one you can check the website for further information.

Verulamium at Play

I have been asked to pass on the following information to you:

Verulamium at Play is a registered charity and community fundraising group aiming to revamp the dated play area in Verulamium Park. They would be very grateful if you could spare two minutes to vote for them to be the St Albans Half Marathon Chosen Charity 2018. The Chosen Charity benefits greatly from publicity of the event and receives £££s through fundraising. You can vote for Verulamium at Play at <http://bit.ly/VoteForPlay>

Halloween Disco

The PTA Halloween Disco for Years 2,3,4 and 5 is taking place on Thursday 2nd November. If you would like tickets for the event, please make sure that you return the slip and payment to the PTA collection box as soon as possible.

Information for Parents of Children with Additional Needs

An invitation to visit the SEND Information Village on Wednesday 15th November 2017 10am - 12pm at St Albans Girls' School. Discover more about the SEN expertise and provision that is available in your district. Please come along and meet representatives from over thirty organisations to find out about the support that is available for children and young people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This event is free to attend and parking is available in the school car park.

Reminder for Year Five Children taking part in the Residential Trip

Please remember that the third payment of £40 is due on October 30th.

Dinner Menus

New menus for dinner were emailed home earlier in the week. The new menu starts after half term. If you would like a paper menu there are extra copies on the tables outside the classrooms.

New School Meal Payment System

The new school meal payment system will come into effect as soon as we return on Tuesday 31st October. Please ensure if you pay for school meals that your child's account has credit on it. The letter with all the details is on the school website should you require any further information.

If you have made it to the bottom of this newsletter I expect that you probably all have information overload after digesting all the reminders and pieces of information above so it just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable half term holiday. School finishes for the half term on Friday 20th October at the usual time and resumes again for the children on Tuesday 31st October. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher