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Dear Parents,

Our term is well under way now as the children continue to settle into their classes, make new friendships and work in their new books.

We have a busy time ahead of us so please find listed below dates, information and reminders for your attention.

### **Curriculum Information Evening for Parents**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a curriculum information evening for parents. Each year group will share with you the curriculum for the year and tell you about what the children will be learning. The first session will take place at 6pm and will be repeated again at 6.30pm. All year group talks will take place at the same time. You may choose which session time is suitable for you and if you have more than one child the repeated sessions will allow you to attend both talks if you wish. For parents of Reception classes the talks will primarily focus on the teaching of phonics, literacy and writing. Each talk will last approximately 25 minutes. It is not appropriate for children to attend this evening as the information is for parents.

If you would like to attend please arrive at the appropriate time and access the school via the pupil entrance gates. There will be a display board indicating in which room each year group talk will take place.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please remember that mobile phones should not be used in school at any time including soft start. Not only are they distracting for children if they start to ring but from a safeguarding perspective we need to be sure that phones are not being used to take photos inappropriately of the children.

### **Paying for School meals and trips etc on line**

We would encourage you where possible to pay for school meals, trips etc on line through the school gateway. If you need to set this up, please find the details below about how to do so:

1. Please download the School Gateway app for your phone or access the School Gateway through the following link- <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>
2. You will then need to register for School Gateway with the same email address and mobile phone number that the school has stored for you. Please note that if two parents are sharing an email address only one of them can use that email to register for School Gateway.
3. Once registered you will be sent a four-digit PIN which you will need to use to login. This PIN will be sent to the mobile phone number which you have registered.

### **E-safety Newsletter**

The autumn e-safety newsletter from Herts for Learning has been added to our school website. You can find the newsletter under the About Us heading and then the parent tab. The newsletter

contains information about Snapchat, Snap Map, Roblox, The Monkey app and some parental guidance information. It is well worth a read so I hope that you find the information useful.

### **Scooters**

If your child brings a scooter to school can you please make sure that it goes home each evening and over the weekend. We have recently had a problem at the weekend with people trespassing in the grounds throwing scooters around, over fences etc, so it would help enormously if there were not any scooters left on site overnight.

### **Individual and Family Photographs**

The photographer will be visiting school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and sibling photographs.

All children will automatically be photographed individually however if you would like your children to have their picture taken together please return the slip below by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you have a younger sibling who attends Little Robins on a Wednesday morning and you would like them to be included, please indicate this on the reply slip. We will only co-ordinate family photographs if we have received a signed slip from you and we cannot accommodate babies or toddlers.

### **Dates for the Autumn Term**

26th September Curriculum information evening 6pm and/or 6.30pm

27th September Individual and sibling photos

29th September PTA Coffee morning and Nearly New Uniform Sale

30th September PTA Family Fun Day

16th October PTA Bake Sale

17th October Parent/Teacher Consultations 5 - 8pm

19th October Parent/Teacher Consultations 4 – 7pm

23rd – 27th October Half Term

30th October Inset Day (school closed)

2nd November Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination for Reception and Years 1,2,3 and 4

2nd November PTA Halloween Disco for Phases One and Two

10th November PTA Comedy Night

17th November PTA Coffee Morning

2nd December PTA Christmas Fair

8th December PTA Popcorn Night for Phase One

13th December Carol Service at St Peters Church

14th December Whole school visit to the Pantomime

19th December End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Your sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard*

Headteacher

## Family Photograph

Oldest child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_