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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you have had a good break with your children. It was lovely to see the children back and excited about returning to school. I have had lots of conversations about the many wonderful things that they did on holiday.

I am very proud about the way that the children have conducted themselves on their first day back; they have remembered the school rules, their behaviour in this morning's assembly was exemplary and when I visited all the classes, the teachers were very complimentary about their behaviour and attitude to learning. The children have made a great start to the year!

I am looking forward to an exciting year and the staff and I will be working hard to build on our successes from the last academic year.

We are very pleased that the last phase of the building works to the school is soon to begin. The front entrance of the school is going to be extended. We hope that this is going to alleviate the congestion in the morning and at the end of the day in our reception area. We are also planning on remodelling the interior space in the reception area. This is to provide additional safeguards so that children are not brought in contact with visitors to the school at busy lunch periods or other times during the school day. Building works will begin the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September. The office will be out of bounds from this date. The office will be temporarily relocated to the library. All enquiries will have to be made at the library entrance until the works is completed. Access to the new office location can only be made through the pedestrian entrance on Charles Road and no longer via the path from the car park. Parking within our car park is strictly by agreement with myself, particularly during the building work. For health and safety, the entrance to the school via Western Avenue will be closed to parents and carers from 09:30 – 14:45. Parents and carers will still be able to use Western Avenue in the morning (up to 09:30) and at the end of the school day (up to 15:30) to drop off and collect children. Charles Road will be the only accessible entrance to the school during the school day. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

This week we have the 'Parents meet the Teachers meetings'. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, have a look at the learning environment and hear what the teacher's expectations for the year are. You will also have the chance to ask general questions. This is not a Parent-Teacher consultation. Please make an appointment with the teacher if you need to discuss anything personal about your child. The teacher will be happy to accommodate your request at a convenient time. The meetings will start in the hall (infants or Juniors) for a welcome and general introduction, after which you will be taken to your child's class. Please make a note of date and times of meetings and other events that take place this week.

Please check your child's book bag for the arrangements for the end of the day collection agreement form. This is vitally important to ensure that your child is safeguarded when released at the end of the day. Only the person's named on the collection sheet will be allowed to collect your child so please ensure you list all names carefully. This must be returned to your class teacher first thing Monday morning.



Dates for this week:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- Nursery home visits begin
- ARP children back at school
- Parents meet the Teacher meetings: Yr2 – 09:15 Infants hall.
- Parents meet the Teacher meetings: Yr5 – 14:30 Juniors hall.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- Reception children in half day
- Parents meet the Teachers meeting: Yr2 – 09:15 Infants hall
- Parents meet the Teachers meeting: Yr5 – 14:30 Juniors hall

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Parents meet the Teachers meeting: Yr3 and Yr1S – 09:15 Infants hall  
Parents meet the Teachers meeting: Yr6 – 14:30 Juniors hall

In our efforts to reduce the use of paper, and to consider the impact on the environment, the John Perry Journal will be sent out fortnightly instead of weekly. Important events and reminders, such as the dates of Class Sharing Assemblies, educational visits, Stars of the Week etc, will be available on the school's website and our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please speak to a member of our office team if you would like further information about the use of social media or the school's website.

I look forward to speaking with you informally in the playground and at the Parent meet the Teacher meetings this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro  
Head Teacher

