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Dear Parents,

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Welcome back after a glorious half term break. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic week in the Isle of Wight before half term and you can read about their trip and see photographs on the school website in the 'Classes' page. The end of term events are fast approaching but there is still much work to complete, as well as report writing and end of year celebrations to prepare.

Staff News: In continuing our plan for all key stage 1 and 2 classes to be split into smaller teaching groups for English and maths, I am pleased to be able to share news of staffing arrangements for the new academic year. Please see the attached allocation list.

Unfortunately we are losing Mrs Paula Binks from our SEN support staff team next week; Mrs Binks has supported children with very specific needs with her expertise for a number of years and we wish her well for the future. Further staffing news, we have appointed Miss Dervla Costello as a new classteacher from September and Mr King is increasing his time in school to 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday. There will be a strong teaching and support staff team in place for the new academic year. Herts Catering has now appointed a new permanent cook to our kitchen; Mrs Angie Carmichael took up her new post last Monday and she is keen to get involved in supporting our school community.



Celebrations: The feast of SS Peter & Paul is Friday June 29th. We will all be attending the parish mass at St Bart's on that day. Year 4 will be attending the Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral on July 5th and Year 3 will be attending the community mass at Nicholas Breakspear School on Thursday June 28th. Most of our Year 3 children have made their First Holy Communion in the last few weeks in their respective parishes and we will celebrate together in school with a thanksgiving mass on Monday June 25th. Mrs Teixeira will send further details on this.

CAFOD: Following our recent visit from CAFOD representatives, the children have been very enthusiastic about supporting their latest project, 'Share the Journey' the global campaign led by Pope Francis in support of refugees. You can find further information through the link below. Please encourage your child to take part and you can see how well we are doing by looking at our totalizer on the front screen in the entrance area.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Ready-to-walk-for-refugees>



Sports News: Congratulations to Eva Glynn and James McLeod Year 6, who represented St Albans District in their recent victory at the Herts Junior Schools Championships. Year 5&6 girls competed in their first Kwik cricket competition this week and showed a very commendable performance, confidently beating several teams before losing out to two teams from much larger schools. District Sports events will take place this month and Ms Bowen will inform you accordingly if your child will be involved.

Foundation Stage will hold their Sports morning on Tuesday July 17th at 10.30a.m. Parents and families of Nursery and Reception children are welcome to join us. Key stage 1 sports will be on Mon July 2nd at 10.30am and Key stage 2 at 1.30pm. Please come and support your child.



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PTA: I am sure you will have noticed the fantastic new outdoor gym equipment purchased by the PTA as a result of all their hard work going into raising funds through their events. Children from all classes had a chance to use last week. It will also be used as part of class PE lessons and will be timetabled for use by Years 3-6 during playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you to the PTA for providing such a fabulous piece of equipment for our children (and staff!) to use.

Thank you to all who supported the recent PTA events; the quiz in its new format was a great success. Our next big event is the summer fair on Saturday June 30th. Look out for forthcoming requests for donations towards the summer fair and please offer your help to set up or clear up afterwards or else to 'man' a stall for a session during the fair.



Hot weather: Please ensure that your child has had suncream applied before s/he comes to school in the morning and that they have a cap or sunhat to wear when outside.

End of term celebrations: Year 6 production for Year 6 families will be on Tuesday July 17th at 7.00pm; Year 6 leavers mass for Year 6 parents will be on Wednesday July 18th at 7.00pm. There will be mass in school on Friday July 20th at 10.30am with children, staff, governors and other invited guests; parents are welcome to join us for that celebration too.

Term Dates: Please remember that holidays in term time will not be authorized. Dates for the new academic year are listed again below.

Autumn term 2018

STAFF INSET	Mon & Tues 3 rd & 4 th September
Term begins for children	Weds 5 th September
Half term	Mon 29 th - Fri 2 nd November
Term ends	for Nursery Weds 19 th December for Reception - Yr 6 Fri 21 st December

Spring term 2019

Term begins for children	Mon 7 th January
Half term	Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February
Term ends	Fri 5 th April

Summer term 2019

Term begins	Tues 23 rd April
Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May
Half term	Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May
Term ends for children	Thurs 18 th July
STAFF INSET	Fri 19 th -23 rd July
Occasional day	Weds 24 th July

Yours sincerely,

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