Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to a new academic year at St Adrian’s and big thank you for the many kind gifts I received at the end of last term. I hope you and your family have had a wonderful break. The staff and I are excited to be back and we are looking forward to another successful year ahead.

As you may be aware, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) has recently joined councils up and down the country in declaring a climate emergency. At St Adrian’s we believe it is important for us to support HCC in taking proactive action now. As part of our commitment to ensuring both our financial and our environmental sustainability, we aim to make the best use of technology to reduce the amount of printing we do. Therefore, going forward we will be using email to send communications from the school office.

As usual, at the beginning of the academic year, parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers. Please see the list below of when class teachers are holding their meetings. If you are unable to attend then you will be able to access an electronic copy of the information from your child’s class teacher. Mrs Palmer will arrange a time to meet with Reception class parents after the children have all settled in and we will inform you accordingly. Nursery parents will have a home visit from

Mrs Solakova.

Monday Sept 9th 9.00-9.30am Year 2

Tuesday Sept 10th 9.00-9.30am Year 5

Wednesday Sept 11th 9.00-9.30am Year 3

Monday Sept 16th 9.00-9.30am Year 6

Tuesday Sept 17th 9.00-9.30am Year 1

Wednesday Sept 18th 9.00-9.30am Year 4

In the interests of safeguarding, may I remind all parents and carers that, should they need to visit the school office, their entry to the school should be through the main entrance. Many parents are entering the school via other doors. Should you need to get a message to a class teacher at the start of the day then this can be communicated via the office. It is not appropriate for parents to enter classrooms, corridors, the hall or the dining room before or after school except when there are Prayer or Sharing Fridays, class assemblies or masses.

As I wrote in the newsletter in July, I am hoping to convert the area on the KS2 playground, outside of the hall, into a quiet patio garden. This area will provide a haven for those pupils who wish to sit quietly and chat with friends or play board games at lunchtime away from the more boisterous playground games. I would be grateful to any parents, carers or grandparents who would like to sponsor a pot plant or tree.

Finally, the PTA will be holding a welcome coffee morning for all parents and carers on Tuesday 24th September. Other important dates for this term are listed below.

Yours sincerely,



Dominic Bedford

Please note that we make every effort to set our dates with due consideration to all forthcoming events and we apologise in advance if any changes have to take place nearer to the time as a result of situations beyond our control.

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| **Autumn 2019** | |
| **September**  Tues 10th Yr3&4 swimming start  Fri 13th Sharing Friday  Mon 16th Mr Conway to see Yr6  Fri 20th Year 5 to Mass at Nicholas  Breakspear.  Tues 24th PTA coffee morning 9am  Weds 25th Mr Linnane (NBS Head) to  see Yr5/6 children & parents. 9am  Fri 27th Mercy Mass & picnic. | **November**  Weds 6th School Photographer  Thurs 7th School Nurse Yr 6  Fri 8th Sharing Friday  Tues 12th Governors Information Evening for parents  Mon 18th Year 6 Class Assembly  Fri 22nd Prayer Friday |
| **October**  Fri 11th Drama workshop (N-Yr3)  Fri 11th Sharing Friday  Fri 18th Year 5 class assembly 9am  Weds 23rd Parent Consultation eve 5-7.30pm  Thurs 24th Parent Consultation eve 5-7.30pm  Fri 25th Prayer Friday  Mon 28th – Fri 1st Half term holiday | **December**  Tues 10th Last swimming session Yr3&4  Fri 13th Sharing Friday  Weds 18th KS2 carol concert St Bart’s  7pm (Date TBC)  Thurs 19th School Christmas dinner  Friday 20th End of term Mass (TBC)  23rd Dec – 3rd January - Christmas Holiday |