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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back, I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and it was great to see everyone back in school on Tuesday. I thought I would write to you and bring you up to date on things that have been happening around school and to give you some important dates.

Firstly, welcome to our new pupils in Reception and those children joining us from other schools. Welcome to our new teaching staff – Mr McGunnigle in Y5, Miss James in Y4, Miss Page in Y3 and Mrs Dimeloe is HLTA covering various classes around school. Mrs Sherer and Mrs Roberts also join the team and are working in Sherdley Blast (our out of hours provision). I'm sure everyone will settle in quickly.

We have had improvements carried out around school; these include decorating the link corridor, tarmacking of the area outside Y3 and 5 and creating a new office and KS2 library/resource room in what was the old community room – all are now looking great.

Our Celebration Assemblies (parents will continue to be invited to by text) will commence on Friday 16th September for KS2 and Monday 19th September for KS1 – both start at 9:15am. If your child is receiving a certificate you will receive a text approximately a week before the assembly, but remember not to tell your child, we would like it to be a surprise.

Pram Club takes place on a Friday morning at 9:00-10:30am, and they will restart on Friday 16th September.

Our first Parents' Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 28th September from 3:30-5:30pm and Thursday 29th September from 5:30-7:30pm. This is an 'open' parents evening and you will not be required to book a time slot, instead it is an opportunity for you to come (with your children) and have a look round the classroom, look at your child's books and say hello to the class teacher. Should you wish to discuss anything in detail please make a separate arrangement with the class teacher. Three further Parents' Evenings will take place throughout the year and will follow each of the termly assessment periods – dates can be found on the school website, at www.sherdleyprimary.co.uk

Each class will be hosting a 'class assembly' again this year – please check the website calendar for class dates.

It is very important that we keep up to date with your child's details in school. Earlier this week I sent a letter home along with a selection of forms, please complete them and return them as soon as possible.

Please remember to check school bags on a Tuesday and a Friday for any letters or forms. Our first newsletter of the year will be produced on Friday 16th September and be available to either download from the website or paper copies will be available on our website.

We have various methods that we use to communicate with you, these include:



- School website – all calendar dates, class details and information, homework info, school forms, general information
- Facebook – great way of seeing what's going on in school and we can use this to get messages out to large groups of parents. Please note – this is not an individual messaging service
- Twitter – quick way of letting you know what's going on
- School Spider messaging service – please download the free app on your device and this will help you keep up to date with photos and class activities. The added bonus for us is that we can use the FREE messaging service to pass messages and reminders on to you
- Newsletters – these are available every fortnight and include important information and up and coming diary dates
- Texting service – this is used to pass on important information directly to the main register mobile number for each family. We have to pay for every single text we send out and so this has limited use.
- Letters home – these could be sent out by myself or any other member of staff. Letters are usually sent out on Tuesdays or Fridays.

Every parent has their own preference; some prefer letters only, some prefer to use the internet, others only want texts – and we can't please everyone, unfortunately there isn't a 'one fits all', so please use several of our communication options.

For those children who have now moved up to juniors please remember that the start and end times of the day are different from Y2 – it is now 8:45am line up on the playground, 8:50am outer doors locked; end of the school day finishes at 3:10pm. Please note that if it's raining the junior doors are opened in the morning at 8:40am.

And finally, you may be aware that we now run our own before and after school club – Sherdley Blast. Mrs Joanne Sherer and Mrs Lesley Roberts are the fulltime staff and the opening hours are for term time only, 7:30-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm. In order to use the club you will need to complete a booking form, these are available from the main office or can be downloaded from the website. To arrange bookings or for more details please either call the school office, or ideally Joanne on 07496080115.

As always I welcome your continued support and I'm sure we will all have a very successful school year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T. McCoy

Headteacher