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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support this academic year and in particular thank you for helping me settle in so well at Sherdley.

As you know school breaks up for the summer next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup>) and I wish you all a very happy summer holiday. School will reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Assemblies

I thought this would be a great time to inform you of some changes that will take place in the new academic year. Firstly, each week we will be having a Celebration Assembly with KS2 at 9:15 and KS1 at 2:30. Children will be selected to receive a certificate the previous week and the parents of each child will receive a text inviting you to the following week's assembly; this will give you a week's notice in order for you to make any necessary arrangements so that you can hopefully attend.....but don't let the children know you're coming! We have also arranged that each class will be having their own class assembly that parents will be invited to attend. All class assemblies will take place at 09:15 and below are the dates so that you can put them in your diaries; they are also on the school website.

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 3B
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 5M
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 6F
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 6H
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 4M
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3GN
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 5E
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 1S
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 2W
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – All Reception
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 2J
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – 1M
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Graduation

## **Head's Forums**

Thanks to the parents who were able to attend the two Head's Forums on Homework. It was really useful to get your views and opinions. These will help us shape the homework provision for the next academic year. Head's Forums will continue each half term, the next forum will be on behaviour and the dates will be sent out in September.

## **Attendance**

As you may be aware the Government have changed the expectation on children's attendance, these will come into force from September 2015. Lateness and persistent absence will be addressed and targeted by both school and the local authority Education Welfare Service. I thought it would be useful to confirm the start times for each section of school:

- Nursery – 8:30am-11:30am, or 12:15pm-3:15pm
- Reception – Doors open at 8:50 with registration at 8:55
- Infants (Y1 & 2) – Doors open at 8:50am with registration at 8:55
- Juniors (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) – Doors open at 8:45am and registration at 8:50

Once class registration starts the outer doors are closed and pupils will need to enter school via the main office. At this point children are marked as 'late'. The registers are open until 9:10 in the office and after this time children will be marked as late after registration. Repeated lateness and/or low attendance (below 93%) will trigger the involvement of Education Welfare.

## **Website, Newsletter and School Calendar**

I hope that you have found the new website useful; I have received lots of positive comments about it – thank you. The school office will be entering as many dates as we can onto the school calendar so that you can see in advance any events that are coming up. Please note that from September the school newsletter will become a fortnightly one, which can be read or downloaded from the school website – we will not be sending paper copies home. However, I am aware that some parents either prefer a paper copy or don't want to access the newsletter from the internet, so paper copies will be available on request, or from the main office every second Friday.

## **Swimming**

I have made some changes to the swimming provision for next year. Please find attached the timetable for the whole year with the dates indicated for each class/year group. Please ensure that children have the correct swimming kit for the sessions and bring it into school with them when they arrive in the morning.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings dates have also been agreed for the year, and they are as follows:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3:30-6:00pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 5:30-8:00pm
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30-6:00pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 5:30-8:00pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 3:30-6:00pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – 5:30-8:00pm

I have doubled the allocated meeting slots from 5 minutes to 10 minutes, but will be asking parents to keep to the times. If you require longer than the 10 minutes then you will be asked to make another appointment at a mutually convenient time.

As a school we are developing independence (age appropriate) and organisational skills. Please can you encourage your children to come into school prepared for the day's activities e.g., PE kits, boot bags (as appropriate), water bottles, swimming kits etc. This not only develops children in taking responsibility for their own things, but also reduces the amount of calls the office have to make requesting items to be brought into school – your assistance with this would be very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a great break and if I don't see you over the next couple of days I will see you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. McCoy

Headteacher