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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all the children again looking so smart and ready to learn. I am amazed at how much they have all grown! Our year 1 and 2 pupils have settled really well in their new classes on our main site.

Notes for your diary

20th Sept – meet the teacher 6.30 pm year 1,2 &3 – Main site

20th Sept – meet the teacher 7.15 pm years 4,5& 6 Main site

20th Sept 7.45pm The Friends of St Winifred's Annual General Meeting

Friday 22nd September INSET Day – School closed for pupils

I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families and to wish you many happy years in our school community.

We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting school year.

There has been lots of progress with our building programme during the holiday. Our year 6 and year 1 pupils have settled in their lovely new classrooms. All the children are really enjoying the areas covered by astro turf. We are also currently creating our new luxury animal enclosures.

Change of Date

I would like to remind you that we will be closing the school on both sites for an INSET day on **Friday 22nd September**. It was necessary to move this date to allow us to move our admin and management infrastructure to our new block and to organise the areas for pupil use. We have used the INSET day which was previously planned for 17th May in order to avoid children missing another school day.

Parking

Please ensure that you do not park across driveways when dropping off or picking up your child. On our first day back, I had a visit from one of our neighbours. She was really upset because she couldn't get her disabled child to school as her driveway was blocked by one of our parents. Her child was also very distressed. When she asked the owner of the car to move, she received a very rude and aggressive response.

It is really sad that our neighbours are being treated in this way by members of our school community. This is causing a great deal of damage to the reputation of our school in the local area.

Packed lunches

Please ensure that you follow our school 'Packed lunch policy' when preparing your child's lunch – please see the following link on our web site: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/dinner-time/packed-lunch-policy/>

Secondary Transfers etc

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day.

Applying to start primary school 2018-19

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2018, can now be made, Please see the following link on our web site: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/applying-for-primary-school.pdf>

Meet your child's teacher

On Wednesday 20th September, at 6.30pm, we will be holding a meeting at the Newstead road site for parents and carers of Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils. Meetings for parents and carers of year 4, 5 and 6 pupils will be held on the same evening at 7.15pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about how the class will be organised etc. These meetings will last about half an hour and crèches will be provided. There will be opportunities for individual meetings after half term.

From 7.15pm there will be refreshments in the hall at the Newstead Road site. Then at 7.45pm the Friends of St Winifred's will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the hall. All parents and carers from both sites are invited. The Friends have done an amazing job in bringing our school community together for many wonderful events during the past year. They have also raised a huge amount of money to support our children. Please come along and support their incredible efforts to enrich the experiences provided in our schools for your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan