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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back and **Happy New Year!**

It was lovely to see all the children settle back into school routines so quickly on Wednesday. They seem to have all had a good rest after a very busy autumn term and are ready for all the exciting challenges of the term ahead.

**Notes for your diary**

**15<sup>th</sup> January Deadline for Reception September 2018 application**

We are really looking forward to all our pupils being on one site at the end of this month.

**Our school times will remain as they are now until the end of July.** I will be sending out questionnaires at the end of the spring term so that we can decide on times which will work best for the majority of our families from September 2018. I have written separate letters explaining about school times to our Nursery and Reception families.

**STARTING RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

If your child is due to start in Reception Class in September 2018, **you must ensure you apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January**

You must apply online to the borough in which you live. You must also fill in a supplementary form if you are applying to this school or any other faith school (you will find this on our web site).

If you need any help with completing either form, please ask the office staff. They will be very happy to help you. If you need access to a computer we can also help you with this.

**If your child is in the nursery you must still fill in both forms to apply for a place in Reception Class.**



### **School Meals 1<sup>st</sup> spring half term 3/1/18 – 9/2/18**

Please ensure that you are up to date with meal payments for the autumn term, if you are unsure please check with the school office.

Dinner money for the first half of the spring term, payable either in advance but not in arrears, will be £58.80 or £10.50 per week.

### **Wet Weather Clothing Appeal**

Due to the wet weather at the moment, we are appealing for small sizes of trousers, socks, pants or any other small sizes of uniform. Please bring them to the Newstead Road site - Thank you

### **Our Lady of Lourdes parish**

#### **First Communion Programme 2017/18**

The next session will be next week, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be in the church and the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am . Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

We will be covering Chapter 7 "Peace".

#### **Chorus News**

The chorus resumes its rehearsals again this Monday, 8th January, at 8pm in the church and we encourage all past and present members to come along. Our performance this term will take place in May and will be Brahms "The Song of Destiny" and extracts from Schumann's "Requiem". This week will be a shorter and slightly informal 1st rehearsal session until only 9pm and will be an ideal "taster" session for people who may be thinking of joining us but are perhaps a little nervous or unsure.

The chorus would like to thank the very many parishioners and St Winifred's parents who turned up and joined in with the Christmas carols at The Crown and Lord Northbrook before Christmas – you all helped to make it a very social event as well as the singing. In fact there were several of you who expressed a desire to either join for the first time or to return to the choir and this first "taster" session gives you that opportunity, so please do come along and give it a go!

**Have a lovely weekend**

Margaret Hanrahan