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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had lots of staff and pupils suffering colds and sickness but we hope we are over the worst of this now.

We are very close to the end of our building project and have been packing hundreds of crates to move from our Effingham site. We are very excited about our move but also feel a great sadness in leaving the old school behind. I have worked there for 25 years and

Notes for your diary

23rd January Coffee morning at Effingham Road site

25th January Last day of school at Effingham Road site

26th January No school today for Nursery and Reception pupils

29th January All pupils will be attending school on Newstead

Road site

9th February Session for parents and carers focusing on

supporting children with anxiety

6th March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 3.30 – 6

7th March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 4.30 - 7

some other staff have been there even longer. Many of you also have very longstanding links with the school. We will be having a coffee morning in the infant hall, on Tuesday 23rd after drop off and you are invited to come along to say farewell.

Events this week

All our Year 6 pupils took part in hate crime workshops. These were very powerful experiences for our pupils and have made a big impact on them.



















Our Lady of Lourdes parish

First Communion Programme 2017/18

The next session will be on Saturday 3rd February. 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 Chapters 5 "Friendship" and 8 "Joy"

Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes

Greetings chorus members past, present and maybe future!,

We started rehearsals on Monday 8th for our next performance in May. We are performing a piece by Brahms and another by Schumann. Around 18 people turned up for the first rehearsal which is not bad for the first week back after the holidays. However, it would be great to see some more of the faces from last term and of course it would be a great joy to see some of our past members returning and new people joining.

If you have come along in the past and found picking up the pieces we were singing a little tricky, you would be amazed how much easier it will become if you stick with it. What a terrific new year's resolution that would be to dedicate the next few months to singing. And as well as showing commitment, singing is a good way to add to your new year health kick through all the exercise good breathing, posture, mental exercise and social interaction brings; an overall feeling of wellness.

We meet again next Monday in the church at 8pm for 90 minutes and we really do look forward to welcoming you. And as a bonus, in addition to learning the two major pieces mentioned above we shall also be slotting in some lighter pieces in preparation for our summer concert in July around a theme of Water!!

Events organised by Parents & Friends

Come for Coffee

As we move towards the final week at the infant site and prepare to all be together on one site, we would like to invite all to coffee:

- 1. From 9.15 on Tuesday 23rd in the infants school hall as the children prepare to move up
- 2. From 2.15 on Thursday 1st February in main hall as a chance to meet over coffee now all the children will be on one site.

Tea, coffee and cake available.

Thank you

To all who bought tickets for the Big PTA raffle which raised £450 to provide equipment for the new hall.

<u>The Family Bingo Night</u> will be back from 6.15-8pm on Friday 2nd Match in the main hall. The Friends would gladly receive any donations of prizes for adults and children for the event - maybe any unused presents. Please drop to the office.

Finally dates for your diaries

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Tuesday 27th March - we will be looking for donations of Easter Eggs after half term Cake Sale Friday 18th May

Family Fun Day Saturday 14th July

Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Please ensure that your child arrives in the playground in time to line up with their class when the bell is rung. If your child is coming in after their class each day then it is really important that you and your child leave home a little earlier to rectify this problem.

Total 57 late children throughout the school.

Class	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	Class	Attendance	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	89%	2	Year 2CL	98%	5	Year 4T	97%	4
Reception B	88%	8	Year 2FM	95%	3	Year4L	95%	10
Year 1 A	91%	6	Year 3U	93%	6	Year 5K	80%	1
Year 1 D	98%	4	Year 3A	99%	3	Year 5/6F	98%	3
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Have a lovely weekend

Margaret Hanrahan















