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Dear Parents and Carers,

All together again at last!

It really is wonderful to have all our children, families and staff on one site. Our Nursery and Reception children seem to have settled really quickly and tell me that they love their new environment. After just a few days, it feels like they have always been here. Thank you for working with us to make this whole transition as smooth as possible.

Events this week

Our new dance teacher has started working with the children this week and all classes have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons. We will be continuing these weekly sessions at least until the end of term.

Coffee morning and session for parents and carers on supporting children when they feel anxious

On Friday 9th February Sonya Gannon will be leading a session for parents and carers focusing on supporting children when they feel anxious. Sonya has led sessions for parents and carers here in the past and feedback has been very positive. She is very knowledgeable and really supportive and she always has lots of practical ideas. Our Friends will be providing refreshments and cakes. The session is expected to last about an hour and there will be lots of opportunities for questions. So please come along and join us in our new hall after drop off at 9am.

Tuesday 6th February is Internet Safety Day

We all need to regularly update our knowledge and understanding of Internet safety as the internet is developing so rapidly. Children are taught about this area in all classes as a key area of the IT curriculum and access is very heavily filtered at school.

Notes for your diary

9 th February	Session for parents and carers focusing on supporting children with anxiety
6 th March	Parent/carer and teacher meetings 3.30 – 6
7 th March	Parent/carer and teacher meetings 4.30 - 7

This week, I have been notified about a very worrying app called ROBLOX which is regularly accessed by children from 5 to 10 years of age. Through this game children can freely communicate with unknown players and this makes them extremely vulnerable. We have asked our pupils about this app and many say that they do play at home or at friends' homes. I would urge you to keep a very close watch on what your child is accessing on line and ensure that they know how to stay safe.

We will be organising a coffee morning incorporating an internet session run by Childnet. This will give you an opportunity to discuss any concerns and find out about developments in this area. Childnet will also run sessions for the children. Please see our link to Childnet website which has lots of really useful information regarding internet safety. www.childnet.com

Events organised by Parents & Friends

Thank you to all who joined for coffee this week to mark the first week together at Newstead Road.

The Family Bingo Night 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.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

First Communion Programme 2017/18

The next session will be on this 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 Chapter 5 "Friendship" and 8 "Joy"

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 42 late children throughout the school, congratulations to 3A with no lates.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	97%	2	Year 2CL	97%	2	Year 4T	96%	3
Reception B	92%	2	Year 2FM	99%	1	Year4L	99%	7
Year 1 A	89%	9	Year 3U	97%	2	Year 5K	99%	3
Year 1 D	93%	6	Year 3A	99%	0	Year 5/6F	97%	2
						Year 6M	93%	3

Have a lovely weekend

Margaret Hanrahan