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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays with your children and they all appear to be refreshed and looking forward to the challenges of their new classes. A reminder that as mentioned at the end of last term, children are expected to be wearing their summer uniforms. This will of course be reviewed if the weather turns cold and you will be informed if there is to be a change.

A warm welcome to Miss Wallek in Year 1 and to Miss Lally in Year 2. Please note that due to personal circumstances, Mrs Jones will not be teaching Year 3 on a Friday. Mrs Wilson will continue to teach this class on a Friday so will continue her job-share with Mrs Galloway.

We are really keen to share the new curriculum information with you as soon as possible so that you have a thorough understanding of what your child will be learning this year, and how you can help them at home. We are therefore having our curriculum information mornings as follows:

Year 4	Monday 11 th September at 9:05
Year 3	Tuesday 12 th September at 9:05
Year 1	Wednesday 13 th September at 9:05
Year 2	Thursday 14 th September at 9:05
Year 5	Friday 15 th September at 9:05
Year 6	Friday 15 th September at 9:05
FS1	Monday 25 th September at 9:15
FS2	Monday 25 th September at 2:30

Please note that these sessions will last approximately 30-45 minutes and handouts will be provided for those parents who are unable to attend. Please enter through the front door and you will be taken to the classrooms at 9:05.

We shared our first INSET training day yesterday and our focus for this year will be on working towards being an Ofsted 'Outstanding School' and looking at what it is that makes the biggest difference to creating lifelong, successful learners. I will write in more detail as the term progresses.

There are some changes to the timetable this year with our Collective Worship taking place each morning from Monday to Thursday at 9:05. All classes will work on phonics, spellings and guided reading from 10:20-10:45. This will enable us to support the children in smaller groups and where necessary, across different classes or key stages.

I am delighted that Tim Blowfield from Tring Park School for the Performing Arts will be returning for the Autumn term and will teach Contemporary Dance to our Year 4 children for



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the first half term and then to the Year 3 children for the second half. These classes begin on Tuesday 12th September.

Our Year 6 children will be on their school journey to Hudnall Park the week commencing Monday 25th September. Details regarding this week will be shared with the parents at the curriculum information morning.

I am delighted to announce that our 3rd annual Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday 6th October from 1:15-3:15. We will send letters out next week so that we can find out how many grandparents will be attending. This has been a highly enjoyable and successful event so please encourage grandparents to come and spend the afternoon sharing the children's learning.

Our annual Superhero Wow Day will be Monday 9th October. Leslie will return to lead a day of workshops and the children (and staff) are all encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Superheroes.

Our first Parent Consultation afternoon/evening will take place on Tuesday 10th October. Mrs Tompkins will be setting up the on-line booking system and will inform you when the times are released.

This is going to be a busy and exciting half term and we are looking forward to this new school year with great excitement. Please note that the dates for the term are listed below and will also be posted on our website. Class teachers will be updating their class pages within the first 2 weeks of term.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Little

Autumn Term dates:

11.9.17	Year 4 curriculum info 9:05
12.9.17	Year 3 curriculum info 9:05
	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
13.9.17	Year 1 curriculum info 9:05
14.9.17	Year 2 curriculum info 9:05
15.9.17	Year 5 curriculum info 9:05
	Year 6 curriculum info 9:05
18.9.17	Reception children in school all day
19.9.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
20.9.17	FS1, FS2, Year 1 Rugby Coaching
22.9.17	Class Assembly – Year 3 3:00 pm
25.9.17	Year 6 School Journey to Hudnall Park
	FS1 Curriculum info 9:15
	FS2 curriculum info 2:30
26.9.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
28.9.17	National Poetry Day – theme 'Freedom'
29.9.17	Class Assembly – Year 5 3:00 pm
3.10.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
6.10.17	Grandparents' Day – 1:15-3:15
9.10.17	Superhero Wow Day



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10.10.17 Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
 Parent Consultations
 17.10.17 Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
 FS2 Family Lunch 11:50
 20.10.17 Harvest Festival
 23.10.17 Half Term break
 30.11.17 Wow Day
 15.11.17 Feast of St Albert the Great
 17.11.17 Children in Need Day
 Year 5 and 6 to Duxford Museum
 1.12.17 KS2 Advent Service
 12.12.17 KS1 Nativity (pm)
 13.12.17 Christmas Lunch
 14.12.17 Reception to Year 6 trip to the Pantomime in St Albans (am)
 15.12.17 FS1 and FS2 Nativity
 18.12.17 Class Parties
 Christmas Carol Service at Our Lady's 7:00 pm
 19.12.17 Term Ends 1:30 pm



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