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## Information for September

### Reminders Main School

School re-opens	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
School lessons begin	<b>8.55 am* Gates open at 8.40 am</b>
School lunchtime	<b>12.00 – 12.45 pm</b>
School ends:	
Classes 1 and 2	<b>2.55 pm</b>
Classes 3, 4 and 5	<b>3.00 pm</b>
Classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12	<b>3.05 pm</b>

These times have been staggered to enable parents to pick their children up safely.

### Nursery

Session	Start	Finish
Morning	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>
Afternoon	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>3.15 pm</b>

### Clubs

Breakfast Club and Little Leprechauns After-School Club will continue.

Breakfast club will remain £1 and parents are free to use this as and when they would like. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 am. Parents will need to use the gate on Lanehouse Road.

It has been necessary to change the Little Leprechauns After-School Club charges. The length of the after-school club has increased slightly with children staying from approx. 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm and there are increases in staffing costs.

#### **The charges for Little Leprechauns will be as follows:**

One child £6 per session

Two children in a family: first child £6, second child £5.50

Three children in a family: first child £6, second child £5.50, third child £5

Four children or more: the fourth child would be £4.50 per session



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I can assure you we have tried our very hardest not to increase costs, but I am sure you are aware that nationally all schools are facing ever increasing pressures on their budgets.

Unfortunately, due to financial pressures on schools, there will be a charge from September for all after-school activity clubs e.g. football/gymnastics/dance etc. The school pays for the coaches to come in to school to run the clubs and this again is putting pressure on our budget. What I don't want to do is cancel the clubs, but I will have to ask for a small donation to help pay for the sports coaches.

**From September all sports clubs will cost £1 per session.**

I do appreciate that there are increases to costs, but I would have to say that what we charge is extremely low in comparison to other schools and other providers.

### Uniform

**Year 6 uniform will be changing.**

**All children in Year 6 will be expected to wear a school blazer at all times in and around school.**

**In Year 6 children have the option of wearing a tartan skirt or grey trousers. No other skirts or trousers should be worn.**

If any parent is experiencing financial hardship, please call in to the school office and a uniform bursary may be granted.

These will need to be ordered from Motif8, our usual uniform provider.

**The rest of the school uniform WILL NOT be changing.**

As a reminder: all children are expected to wear a tie and all children should wear **plain black shoes**.

**There seems to be an increase in the number of children wearing bright trainers for school. I would like to politely remind all parents that plain black shoes are part of the school uniform.** If children want to wear trainers for break times, then these should be brought in a separate bag and the child should change into them for break times.

**I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who ensure that their children are always well presented and who always wear full school uniform.**

Please remember:

No extreme hairstyles

Plain black shoes

Trousers or skirts only – no leggings



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### **Jewellery/ Pierced ears**

No jewellery is permitted except a simple wristwatch. Children cannot wear earrings for school due to safety reasons. If children would like to have their ears pierced then could they please do so at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they can remove their earrings in September.

### **Football Team**

I am delighted to inform you that our boys' football team were nominated for the Under 11 Sports Team of the Year in the Stockton Sports Awards and were declared the winners! This is an incredible achievement against a lot of competition and is something we should all be very proud of. It is easy to expect success, it is much more difficult to achieve it. Well done!

I do know that in the Catholic Cup all teams were amazing and had a fantastic day in Hull. The boys (with 5 regular first team players away in Holland) managed to get to the semi-finals. I think this is incredible and shows the depth of talent within the school. Well done to all our footballers.

The children are desperate to play the teachers this year and hopefully that will happen as the teachers team is extremely strong, so strong in fact that some of the staff are worried they won't even make the team. I have tried to tell Mr Potter not to worry, but if he's good, we may give him a few minutes in goal!

### **Dance Fuzion**

The children are performing at the Arc tonight to showcase all of their hard work and skills. I have just been told that I can't have a ticket as it is a complete sell out! Good luck to all of our dancers.

### **Holland**

For the first time ever we flew to Holland for our annual residential and I must say the flying did help us to enjoy our visit even more than we usually do. The children were a credit to their families and their community. A fantastic experience from start to finish. Getting to the airport at 4.00 in the morning was a bit early though! Our thanks to Mr Sherrington for organising the visit.

### **Here I Am - The Musical**

We are all excited to see the musical 'Here I Am' on Wednesday. I know Mrs Sims and the children have worked incredibly hard to put on a great show for us. I really have no idea what it will be like as it is completely top secret, but knowing the talents of Mrs Sims and the children I am sure we will all be inspired by our talented children once again.

Thank you for your continued support.



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## Sports Days

The weather is not helping! Foundation Stage Sports (Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2's Reception children) has been re-arranged for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. Please see separate letter.

Our main school sports day is under threat of being cancelled due to the wet weather on Thursday. Let's hope not, as I think St Aidan's (the reds) were robbed by Mr Conwell's dubious refereeing last year!

Children should come to school in their uniforms and change into their house colours for sports day. The House colours are:

St Aidan	RED
St Bernadette	BLUE
St Clare	YELLOW
St Dominic	GREEN

## Bradley Lowery

We will be supporting Bradley and his family on Friday. Staff and children are asked to dress in their favourite football colours and bring in a donation for his charity. Thank you

## School Holidays

The **last day in school** is Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July before we break up for the summer holidays. It has been a very busy year and one we look back on with extreme pride. We have secured future leadership for the school and I am very proud to remain Head Teacher of this wonderful school. Thank you to parents for all your continued support.

Have a restful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Mr M Ryan**  
**Head Teacher**

11<sup>th</sup> July 2017