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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a few updates and dates for your calendar.

**Class teachers for September:**

Our school is continuing to receive a high number of new admits and our class sizes are now increasing. This is very positive for the school, however as we have a 45-place admission to each year group it means that as our numbers are increasing, we will ultimately have more mixed age classes across school. This is a common arrangement in most schools, especially as pupil numbers increase. We will now have 10 classes across Early Years, Key Stages 1 and 2.

Teachers for these classes will be:

| Nursery     | Reception               | Rec/Year1    | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 2/3  | Year 3 /4                      | Year 4/5    | Year 5      | Year 6    |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Mrs Brennan | Mrs Watson/<br>Mrs West | Mrs Berryman | Mr Goldie | Miss King | Mrs Hills | Mrs Gallacher/<br>Miss Maxwell | Miss Wilson | Miss Watson | Miss Todd |

We will be letting you know soon which class your child will be in!

**Attendance:**

In a drive to improve attendance across the school we will be monitoring all families for the next 3 three weeks. All children who achieve our target of 97% or above during this period will be invited to a family coffee and cake afternoon on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

This year we have seen a decline in attendance so this will be a big push for us next year. There have been 142 days lost on holidays! This is something we will be looking at closely next year and further guidelines will be sent out about how we will be tackling poor attendance.

**Dates and times:**

**School fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** All children will finish school at 1:30. Please pick up your children from the normal points and then join us for our brilliant annual summer fair. On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, children can bring in a tombola prize in return for a non-uniform day.

**Summer Picnic – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** We would like to invite all families to share a picnic on the school grounds with their children. This was a huge success last year with many positive comments! Arrive at 11:50, find a sunny spot in the signposted areas for each class, set out your blankets / chairs and food and class teachers will bring out the children to join you.

**Last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.** School finishes at the normal time 3:15, however we are happy for parents to collect at 1:30 (not earlier or later) if they would prefer. You must inform the office or class teacher if you decide to do this. We cannot let children go at other times as trying to co-ordinate the dismissal of 246 children can be tricky!