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Dear Parent/Carer[s],

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer holidays. It has been lovely to see everyone, and to return together this week, beginning the new academic year as a school family. A warm welcome also to pupils and families who are new to the school and joining us over the coming weeks.

Uniform: It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return to school this week. I know that together we will ensure that these high standards will remain throughout the school year. It has been noticed that a very small number of children are wearing black trainers. Please can I take this opportunity to remind those pupils/families that it is black school shoes that are required and as we start the new school year, can arrangements please be made to purchase these where it applies.

We have received many generous donations of pre-loved uniform, in excellent condition. If this would be of assistance to any families please do enquire at the school office and we will look to provide this. Once again thank you for those kind donations.

PE: PE lessons will formally start again next week. With this in mind can you please arrange for your child to bring their PE kit into school at the start of the week, so that it is available at all times. PE timetables and further details will be shared by classteachers with all parents next week. A reminder that the school PE kit for this time of year is a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps/trainers [tracksuits not required]. PE uniform must not be branded.

Length of the school day reminder: As noted in letters ahead of the summer holidays the start of this new academic year, has seen the school day formally change. Children now enter the playground from 8:35am and line-up to meet their classteacher, who will take them into school at 8:45am for the start of the school day and learning. A reminder that children need to be in line for 8:45am as this is when the school day officially starts. As part of our late procedures the gate will close earlier from Monday with children who are late needing to sign in through the school office. A reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm for all pupils. Many thanks for your support.

Holiday Calendar and School Attendance Policy Reminder: We ask that you please consult the School Holiday Calendar 2024-2025 to ensure excellent attendance during this new academic year. Please refer to this and our new school Attendance Policy, adopted by the Governing Body, from Manchester City Council. [See website for calendar/policy]

If you require any further guidance please do not hesitate to contact school and we will do our best to be of assistance.

Dinner Money Reminder: The cost of a school dinner is £2.55 per day, £12.75 per week. This is to be paid in advance via the School Gateway app. If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office and we will be able to send you a link to check.

I wish you all a lovely weekend, hoping you enjoy the nice weather!

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton
Headteacher

Birthday of Mary, Our Blessed Mother

On Sunday we celebrate the Birthday of Mary and her devotion as a mother to Jesus and us all. Pope Francis asks for a very special devotion to Mary as the 'Undoer of Knots'. We are reminded to ask her for help in our lives; when we need the 'knots, worries and problems' that we all face undoing. We ask that Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots in our lives – so that we may be brought ever closer to God.

