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Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we have very, very nearly made it to the end of another very strange year with even more unprecedented circumstances. The resilience and positivity that your children have shown throughout has been amazing and testament to their fantastic attitudes. We are all so incredibly proud of them. I also can't thank you enough for the unbelievable level of support you have shown us all. The lovely messages, comments and support for your children has kept us all going! We all know that home learning was not easy for anyone, but, thanks to your support, children have continued to make fantastic progress.

I am writing to you with some information about the end of year and some arrangements for September. The information about September will be resent to you just before the children return to school.

Children's work

We know that it has been disappointing that you have not had the opportunity to see children's work produced in school this year. On Friday, we will be sending a selection of your children's books home for you to look at over the weekend. We have an obligation to keep books in the event of an inspection so request that all books are sent back to school on Monday. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to share some of your children's learning with them.

Mrs de Graaff

It is with very mixed feelings that I inform you that Mrs de Graaff will be taking the role of Head of School at All Saint's CE Primary School in September. Mrs de Graaff has been a wonderful teacher SENDCo and Assistant Headteacher at St Bart's and we will all miss seeing her every day. However, we know that you would all like to congratulate her on her new and exciting role. As All Saint's is a school within our MAT, we will still be working closely with Mrs de Graaff. Miss Robbins has been appointed as St Bart's SENDCo. Mrs de Graaff will remain as lead SENDCo for the MAT and will be supporting Miss Robbins next academic year and beyond. Miss Birch has been appointed as the new maths lead for KS2.

September

Many of the restrictions of the last 18 months will be removed when children return to school in September. We will see the return of whole school worship and singing, which we can't wait for, and an end to the bubble system! Additionally, children will once again be able to eat their lunch in the hall at proper dining tables. As with all negative situations, there have been some positive outcomes from the changes we had to introduce and we will therefore be keeping some of these. This is based on the benefits we have seen for children and parental feedback.



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PE days

Children will continue to come to school dressed in PE kits on their PE days. We have seen a dramatic increase in the amount of lesson time and physical activity the children have been able to have and feedback from parents for this change is overwhelmingly positive. We would request that the games and PE kit is in the school uniform colours (this does not need to be branded). You will be notified of the children's PE days prior to them starting school on Monday 6th September.

Start/end times

There will continue to be staggered start and end times as this has led to an ease in traffic congestion at these times. With the expansion of school numbers from September, we hope that this will contribute to a smoother start and end to the school day. These times will be per key stage as follows:

Morning Nursery - 8.30am - 11.30am

Afternoon Nursery - 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Reception and KS1 - Doors open 8.30am, children to be in by 8.40am, **Collection 3.00pm**

KS2 (years 3 -6)- Doors open 8.55am - children to be in by 9.05am, **collection 3.25pm**

Siblings of children with earlier start times and later pick up times can be supervised by members of school staff until the start of their school day and until their sibling is ready to be collected so that all children within a family can be dropped off and collected at the same time.

We are finalising drop off and collection points which will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

We have found that children have been far more settled and independent when being dropped off at the school gate/door rather than being accompanied into school by their parents and we will therefore be continuing with this arrangement. Teachers will be available outside at the start and end of the school day for messages and a quick chat. As always, you will be able to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team should you have any concerns during the year.

Transition morning

Children will be meeting their new teacher on Tuesday 20th July in their new classroom.

Last day of term/Return to school date

The last day of the summer term is Wednesday 21st July. Children will finish at lunchtime. Children in Reception, 2 Rowan, Year 3 and Year 6 should be collected at 1pm and children in 1/2 Ash, 1 Holly, Year 4 and Year 5 at 1.15pm. Children will return to school on Monday 6th September. Staff will be in school on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of September should you need to speak to a member of the leadership team on these dates.



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Finally, although restrictions are easing, isolation in the case of being in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 remains in place. We are desperate to make it to the end of the school year without having to send a year group home to isolate which could impact on people's holidays. Please help us by following the guidance for the last week so that everyone can have a lovely start to the summer break.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister'.

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher