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Dear Parent, Guardians and Children,

A warm welcome back to a new school year. Can I say you look so "smart" not just in your fantastic uniform, BUT also in the way you are doing your work in class. Thank you to your "proud" parents and to yourselves. I hope we can have another successful year ahead as your "Class Newsletter" and "Extra-Curricular Timetable" is trying to say. We want the best for you all and will work very hard with you to achieve this.

At St Sebastian's "Tomorrow Wednesday 17th September" there will be NO SCHOOL CROSSING after school. Please ensure your children are aware of how to cross roads safely. NEVER TRUST a vehicle on the road to know you are there. Always be EXTRA careful even crossing on Zebra or Pelican Crossings. Crossing any road is potentially dangerous.

Foundation 2 and Foundation 1 Pupils:

It is all "very busy" now that the Unit is nearly full. The staff and especially the children have found it really "beneficial" to have the "Induction period" where they have had more of the attention of the staff and an opportunity to share their excitement of what's happened with parents and carers. Thank you for your co-operation in what has "Nationally" been called an important time in a "child's life" in education.

Uniform/Shoe Change:

We are interested in exploring what footwear children should wear when inside of school and want to discuss this further with parents and children.

Governors Meetings:

Various committees are meeting at the moment, Finance, Curriculum, Personnel, Premises, Admissions, Complaints and Disciplinary. There will be a Full Governors Meeting to ensure the school is doing everything possible to make your child's experience in the Federation to be the best possible. Governors do ask questions of the

Head, the Staff and the School Leadership Team. Shortly a letter will come out about VACANCIES on the Governing Body from Parent Governors, voted by Parents, to Foundation Governors (approved by our Parish Priest Father Mark and the Archdiocese). Please give this letter serious consideration. IT IS YOUR SCHOOL.

Governors and Senior Management Team (SMT)

At the moment we are talking AND I MUST EMPHASISE THIS, about the building of a "New" School at St Cuthbert's. The Chair of the Governors of the Federation, Mr Mike Laird, is an ex-St Cuthbert's pupil and proud of it and is delighted that we are being considered. As always we will keep you up to date. Again at an "early" stage we will seek the views of the Parents and Children on what they would like.

A PLEA TO ALL PARENTS!!

Last year was a somewhat difficult year in a few ways that certainly the School and Governors hope have been resolved.

Inappropriate use of Social Media with regard to the school, organisation within the school and member of staff.

The disbanding of PFC at St Cuthbert's after so many years of helping the children "a very sad" moment and very much missed.

The PTA at St Sebastian's feeling undervalued and members upset by some parent's hostility to what they do and what they can't do. The lack of support in terms of new members or help. THE School and EVERY CHILD has benefited from this local group for over 30 years. They must have raised more than HALF A MILLION pounds. What a fantastic achievement and tradition, one I certainly hope continues.

There will be the annual AGM at the end of September please look out for the notices and "come along". This certainly is an ACTIVE WAY to show you appreciate your school.

FINALLY TWO PLEAS

"PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE" is still a major issue. The children will be told of an incentive we want to put before Them and You.

If we hit our "targets", then we want to take our children to "Chester Zoo". There is a discussion that any child BELOW a certain percentage (94% or 95%) may not be included. Unless there are special circumstances.

"COMPETITIVE" AND COMPETITIONS

These start this Thursday and then come thick and fast from, Cross Country, Football, and Indoor Athletics. As a small school we can only compete IF our best children are willing "to be proud" to represent us at whatever they are asked to do or we don't consider them for anything. I just think if we are in a "Final" (Even Anfield or Goodison) would not most children/parents make a "special" effort to be there. I can just do "friendlies" but the reputation of our schools is built on showing off our abilities not just taking part in sports that we like but all sports we are chosen for. I do need parental support in this matter.

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