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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our new school year! I hope everyone had a good summer break and that the children have returned to school rested, refreshed and energised for the school year ahead.

Staffing

We warmly welcome our new staff joining the St Anne's team this term. They are:

Ms Murphy – YR Gosling class teacher
Ms Henrietta – YR SEN teaching assistant
Ms Jennifer – YR SEN teaching assistant
Ms Brown – Y1 Nightingale class teacher
Ms Kenny – Y1 Starling class teacher
Mr Hicks – Y3 Dove class teacher
Ms Finnerty – Y5 Owl class teacher
Ms Weston – Y6 Falcon class teacher
Mr Butterworth – music teacher

I am sure you join me in welcoming all of our new staff. I am sure they will have a really positive experience working with our wonderful children.

Pupils

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children, as well as the new children joining other classes, as they start with us in September. It won't take long at all before they are settled in and feeling very much a part of our St Anne's family.

Learning

We continue with our whole school focus on the quality of learning for every child. The children will be discussing what learning is, what helps them to learn, what gets in the way of their learning and what the school can do to help them to maximise their learning. At the end of each school day, rather than asking what your child did, ask them what they learnt, did they learn anything new, was their work challenging and whether they asked their teacher any questions.

As the children's parents/carers, the best way you can support your child's learning is to make sure they read books and complete their homework, eat healthily, engage in active, energetic play, get plenty of sleep, attend school every day and arrive at school on time.

We cannot do the job of educating your child alone. I look forward to you, the parents/carers, working with us as a team, to ensure your child achieves the best that they possibly can.

Please turn over now and read our gentle reminders.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Davis
Head Teacher



GENTLE REMINDERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Just a few gentle reminders for the start of the new academic year:

1. Kilts – all girls should now be wearing the school's tartan kilts. The old grey skirts are no longer school uniform.
2. Hair – during school term time, only sensible haircuts, appropriate for school are allowed. Although for boys, the current popular style is shaved around the sides and longer on top, this style is not appropriate for school. No child should return to school in September with any part of their hair shaved. For the purposes of good vision and to reduce the chance of head lice spreading, all long hair should be tied back and hair should be out of the children's eyes.
3. Earrings – the only permitted earrings are small, plain gold or silver round studs.
4. Trainers – trainers/plimsolls for PE and other sporting events must be plain black or plain white. Coloured trainers are not allowed. This does take the pressure off children feeling they need to have expensive, branded, designer trainers.
5. Names on uniform – please ensure every part of uniform, new and old, is clearly labelled with your child's name. Permanent marker pen can be used, including in shoes.

For further detail regarding school uniform, please refer to our Uniform Policy on the school website.

Also, do remember that holidays must only be taken during school holiday times. Any early departures or delayed returns to school due to extended holidays may incur a local authority penalty charge of £120 per parent. Also, do note that our term and holiday dates are different from other Lambeth schools. Especially be aware that **our spring term finishes one week later and summer term starts one week later than other Lambeth schools. Do NOT book holidays in the last week of spring term.** Also note, that medical evidence may be required for pupil absence due to any pupil sickness either side of school holiday periods.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Davis
Head Teacher