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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school this week and to hear all of their summer news. We extend an extra special welcome to our new reception families and are delighted you are part of our St. Mary's Family.

It has been very hot this week however, the weather looks set to cool into next week. Please continue to ensure children come to school with a water bottle to drink throughout the day.

I am collating a list of important dates for school events in the coming months ahead, to allow you to be prepared. I will have these with you as soon as possible.

Mrs Beer has sent a text out regarding PE days to year 1-6. The current guidance we have been given is that earrings must not be worn and taping is not acceptable. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this presents any problems. On non-PE days, only small studs are permitted.

On Tuesday 26th September we will be trialling a, 'Meet the teacher,' event from 3.20 – 5.30 in your child's classroom. This will give you an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, look at the environment, your child's books and find out how they are settling in. This will be followed by a formal parents evening later in the year. If this is not convenient please speak to your child's teacher about an alternative arrangement. We envisage straight after school being the busiest time, so if you wish to speak in more depth or confidentially you may wish to come later in the evening.

We welcome Mr Derbyshire who will be providing individual piano tuition to some children in key stage 2 and also supporting in classes on a Tuesday afternoon. He will be leading the new St. Mary's choir for key stage 2 which starts on Tuesday 19th September (a week later than initially planned) after school and we will hopefully be performing to our families in the near future.

Freddie Fit will be in school on Monday 11th September educating the whole school about healthy lifestyles. Please can all children wear their PE kits on Monday, as above earrings should be removed.

Celebration assembly takes place on a Friday morning and following the extremely well attended class assemblies in the summer term, we are back to the children being able to present their awards and achievements from home should they wish. If your child receives an award you will be notified via text message on the Thursday. The reception children begin to attend assemblies when they have settled into school life and you will be informed of this. This is usually after Christmas.

Finally, school opens at 8.30 and classroom doors at 8.40. Children should not arrive before 8.40 without supervision.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this letter, please come and speak to me.

Have a wonderful weekend, with the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz
Headteacher