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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have had a lovely half term break.

I'm sure you will agree that it is nice to have the open aspect of the school once again as the solid fencing has been replaced with lower fences. We are now at the final stages of the new build project and it is very much a waiting game for the grass to grow and the sports pitches to be laid. With the changeable weather that we are experiencing from rain to sun I'm sure it will take no time at all!

#### Bike sheds

Within the criteria of the New Build project, we have a large number of bike shelters on the school grounds. Access to the bike shelters is from the MUGA entrance on Delamere Avenue or, from Monday, the old Nursery Gate on Derbyshire Lane. I must make you aware that the school is not able to accept liability for the any bikes or scooters left on the school grounds and I advise that a lock or chain is used to secure your bikes and scooters. Access to the bike shelters will be before and after school only and not during the school day.

#### Young Voices

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children took part in Young Voices at the Coop Arena. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, dancing and singing the afternoon and evening away! The behaviour of the year group was impeccable and they represented our school brilliantly, making us exceptionally proud. Thank you to all of the parents for supporting this event and the late night collection at 10pm! Thank you also to the teachers for giving up their time to provide this opportunity for the children.

#### Sacramental Program

After the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, the children who are taking part in the Sacramental program are required to attend a session in the parish centre. It will be from 10.30am until 11.30am. Please can those children attending take their books along with them. During the session, the children will be focussing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be taking place in the afternoon of Sunday 23rd March. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue on this spiritual journey of faith.

### Ash Wednesday

There has been a change to the menu on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All previous meal orders have been cancelled. Could you please ensure you pre-order your child's meal next Wednesday.

### Photo consent

We have previously sent out a form regarding consent for photographs etc. If you haven't already returned this form, or have mislaid this, please contact the Office so we can give you another one.

### Safety in the Staff Car Park

I would like to remind parents that the car park is strictly for staff only. This includes dropping off for Breakfast Club at the start of the school day, nursery midday collection and drop off and picking up from After School Club and the end of the school day. This is due to health and safety reasons and the school not being covered by insurance.

As a private car park, if you do require access to a disabled parking space, please contact the school office to make prior arrangements as driving into school whilst children are present is a safety concern.

We have also noted that parents (who are walking to school) are using the vehicle gate to enter and leave the school. Could you please ensure you only use the pedestrian gates and pathway.

We are seeing an increased number of children coming into the school, or being dropped off before 8.45am, without parents and congregating by the cars and on the driveway. Unless your child is coming to Breakfast Club, we ask that children are not in the school grounds before 8.45am in order for them to go straight into class and not be stood outside the building.

### Book Fair and World Book Day

Next week is world book day, and to mark the event, we have organised another book fair. The book fair will be housed in the school hall before and after school.

Monday 8.45am - 9am and 3.30pm - 3.45pm

Tuesday 8.45am - 9am only

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Thursday 8.45am - 9am and 3.30pm - 3.45pm

Friday 8.45am - 9am only

On World Book day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, or wear their pyjamas (the idea being it is nice to curl up in bed with a good book). Of course, if they would prefer to wear their uniform that day, that is fine. On World Book Day, the

children will take part in some book related activities and share lots of discussion about their favourite books. Book Vouchers will be given out on World Book Day. These can be spent in the book fair (you can get £1 off a book) but unfortunately we will not be selling the £1 books, these can only be purchased at local booksellers. Currently the book fair will be cash only but we are trying our best to sort out card payments.

### Sleep Clinic

We are holding a Sleep Clinic Coffee Morning with Trafford Sleep Services on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15am – 11.30am. There will be sleep practitioners who can answer any questions, give tips and advice if you are having any problems.

### Themed Dinner Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March we are having a special World Book Day themed dinner. Please ensure you have pre-ordered this meal to ensure our kitchen cook enough meals

#### Mains:

- Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs & Pasta
- Katsu – in – the – hat Quorn Dippers & Rice
- Where's Wally's Wrap Bar
- Jacqueline Wilson Jacket Potatoes

#### Sides:

- Walliams Super Sleuth Slaw
- Golden Snitch Sweetcorn
- Snozzcumber Salad Bar

#### Desserts:

- Mr Messy's Ice Cream & Sprinkles
- Queen of Hearts Jam Tart
- Fresh Fruit

### Dates for next week

	<b><u>Spring Week 8</u></b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Scholastic Book Fair Week</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	C7 Swimming Class 3 Assembly 9.15am	

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