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Dear Parents,

Updating contact information

Mrs Henthorn has asked me to remind you to look out for the contact sheets coming home with children today. We ask that parents and carers from all families review the information we hold about each child and confirm that it is still correct and up to date. Please sign and return both the data Collection sheet and the privacy notice to class teachers on Monday morning next week, even if all information is correct.

PE Days

As you know, the children are allowed to come to school in their kit on the days they have PE. Would you please remind the children (especially our older ones) that this is not a dress down day! Yes, they should be wearing trainers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, but their top halves should be regular uniform (polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan). We have said that the children should also bring an additional layer (such as a tracksuit top or fleece). They should **not** be wearing these in place of their school uniform but in addition to it.

Red Nose Day

Usually, we would sell merchandise, but that is not possible this year. What we have decided to do is to hold Red Nose and spoon races in each class. On Friday 19th March we would like the children to bring their own red nose and spoon into school. Each class will be involved in heats and there will be a grand final, with a prize for the winner. We would ask for a minimum donation of £1 per entry, if you are able to donate more that would be wonderful. With 200 children currently on role, it would be really satisfying to raise in excess of £200.

Transport to School

The School and Residential travel advisor from Transport for Warrington has been in touch with me this week about how our children are travelling to and from school. TfW are encouraging families to choose active travel, including walking, cycling and scooting, and have updated information on their website. Visit their page at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/education-schools-and-childcare-coronavirus-update>

ChatHealth

Chat Health is an anonymous messaging service that provides a safe and easy way war users to send a message to healthcare professional and receive confidential help and



advice. The aim of implementing ChatHealth is to further improve service user access to health and well-being support particularly in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. There are three numbers that can be used to access support:

Warrington 0-5 Parents Service: 07507 327 981

Warrington 5-19 Parents Service: 07480 635 994

Warrington 11-19 young People's Service: 07507 330 101

Staffing update

Mrs Milward is expecting her baby at the end of April. When she goes on maternity leave we will be welcoming back Miss Alayan for the summer term. Some of you will know her already, as she taught here in Y5 and Y6 from 2011-2017 and, more recently, has been teaching Bubble 1 on Fridays. We are really pleased to be welcoming her back - she's an excellent teacher!

Our School Caretaker of the last seven years Mr Leeming, has decided it's time he had a rest from looking after our school and enjoy his retirement. Mr Leeming has been with us for much longer than those seven years as he was previously on the cleaning team, so his association with the school has been a long one. We'll miss his gentle, quiet ways around the school. I hope you'll join the staff in wishing him well if you see him before he leaves on 9th April.

This also means that we are now advertising for a replacement Caretaker, and if you know anyone who might be interested please point them in the direction of the school website where all of the details can be found.

And finally, I too, have decided to retire at the end of the summer term. I have been teaching constantly since September 1st 1987, so I do feel I deserve a break (or should that be have earned it?). I am going to miss Twiss Green immensely - the children, the staff and of course the parents and grandparents. I can honestly say that the last twenty four years have been the most fulfilling of my career (just short of seven years as Deputy Head and seventeen as Head). I have so much to be thankful for – I count myself so lucky to have spent so long at such an amazing school.

As far as the future is concerned, there are a number of things on my wish list, not least spending lots of time with my five year old great nephews (to whom I am nana). This summer, it is my plan to buy a campervan and to take them camping in Yorkshire (busman's holiday, I hear you say!).

Kind regards,

LA McGann

