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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have had weather wise, thank you to everyone for ensuring that the children have hats so that we can make sure they are safe in the sun.

This half term we begin the transition process. Every class is mixed with others in their year group to guarantee that the children are building friendships, developing social skills and increasing their confidence in new situations. Each year we ask the children to nominate a list of friends and this list is taken into account. The children may not get to share their class with everyone on their list but they will get at least one friend. When mixing the classes we try to ensure there is an equal mix of gender, ability, friendships, houses and needs. We also try to avoid clashes of personalities or friendships that over the years we have observed. (However we are unable to add parental requests into this mix )

On the 10th of July the children will spend from 10am until 2pm with their new class teacher. This time is spent starting to build relationships and settle as a new team getting to know each other. As we have done previously we would also like to extend this opportunity to the parents. At the end of the school day you are welcome to visit your new class teacher to say hello and see your child's new classroom. This is completely informal but parents tell us they find it useful. Please remember that the Year 3 teachers will still be teaching until 2.50 and so if your child is currently in Year 2 there will be a slight delay for you.

When we send out the reports, we will include a blank letter for you, this is an opportunity for you to write down anything you want the new teacher to know about your child before September. Again, parents have welcomed this opportunity in the past.

I have attached our transitions policy so that you can see how we support all of the year groups when moving onto a new group as we know it can be a time when children can worry as its something new. However, I would encourage you to remind the children that worrying is a normal emotion and reaction to a new situation and that everyone will support them in this exciting next step.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday, which reminds me that I must buy my raffle tickets!

Mrs Coughlin

Head Teacher

## **PE Uniform**

The trial of wearing PE kit to school on PE days has increased the children's participation in physical activity.

Therefore, we will continue to do this.

However there is a small change to PE kit for September. Whilst we still wear house coloured t-shirts, children need to wear black shorts /leggings/ joggers with no jewellery.

This then matches the staff PE uniform and gives a smarter look, which was something parents were concerned about.

## **Sports Day / Colour Run**

We are anticipating that in the afternoon there will be many cars that may get blocked in on the car park.

We are unable to use the playground (as we are in the morning) as it needs to be set up for the colour run.

So if you need to leave the site quickly on Friday after normal school finishes, walking or cycling may be a better stress free option.