



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)
SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

It's great to see everyone back including the sunshine. A very warm welcome to our new reception children and parents. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break.

This term is a busy one with lots going on. Just a reminder that swimming starts for Yr1 - Yr6 on Tuesday 13th September, please return the swimming letter as soon as possible. If you are able to help either with transporting the children or going on the bus please let us know.

Finally, thank you for contributing towards a retiring gift for the Revd Harrison, you will be pleased to know we collected £105. The Revd Harrison chose to spend the money on Waterstone vouchers.

**Yours sincerely,
Sharon Cross
Headteacher**

The New Build

I am pleased to say that the shell of the new build is up. We are expecting the plasterers in next

week. Gaiger Brothers have worked extremely hard over the holidays to ensure that the build is on track.

Due to health & safety and fire regulations during the build we can only have a maximum capacity of 60 people in the hall at any one time. With this in mind hot school dinners will be served in the hall and packed lunches will be in Oak class.

Daily school worships will either be held on the field under the tree, weather permitting or in the classroom as classroom worship.

Celebration Assembly

We have renamed celebration assembly to celebration worship. As you know Celebration Worship will now be held on Thursday afternoons. These are going to be on alternative Thursdays for the duration of the new build only from Thursday the 8th September. The builders will make sure that the new entrance is accessible during this time; hence we can have more people in the hall at this time.

Success points are now having a new title and will be called 'learning points' to match the learning skills that were introduced last year. Our five learning skills are: **resilient** (managing distractions, 'stick ability'), **reflective** (planning, revising, reviewing), **relationships**

(collaboration, empathy, listening), **resourceful** (questioning, imagining, making links) and **risk taking** (have a go, not scared of being wrong).

Car Parking

We are encouraging parents to car share and to use the car park at the church. Please use the turning circle wisely as we have a lot more children now at school. Preferably, if you do not have young children please park at the church.

Golden Rules

You will find with this newsletter a copy of our Golden Rules.

These are displayed in every class and in different areas of the school. The expectation is that the children, staff and parents respect them.

Vacancy - MDSA

Sadly, Mrs Teagle will be leaving us on the 12th September. If you are interested in becoming an MDSA for an hour a day on a Monday at £6.63 per hour, please see Mrs Stagg in the office.

Nut Allergies

As you are aware we have two children in school with severe nut allergies. We are trying to promote a 'nut free' zone in school; therefore produce containing nuts is not encouraged in school. This includes packed lunches, mid morning snacks,

star worker treats, birthday treats etc

Absence

If your child is ill, please telephone the school office before 9.30 a.m. on the day to let us know. Please follow this up with a note giving details. If we are not notified of the reasons for an absence, an "unauthorised absence" will be recorded on their school record. Requests for absence in term time for reasons other than illness must be made in advance on an Absence Request form available from the school office. If your child arrives after 9.05 a.m. it will be classed as **unauthorised** and you will be asked to fill in the late register.

Dates for your Diary

Please find attached dates for your diary

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks
Grow*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 th September	Celebration Worship - 2.30 p.m.
13 th September	First swimming session Yr1 - Yr6
22 nd September	Celebration Worship - 2.30 p.m.
6 th October	Celebration Worship - 2.30 p.m.
10 th October	T D Day School closed to children
20 th - 30 th October	Half Term
31 st October	First day of second term
22 nd November	Last swim
16 th December	Last day of term 2
3 rd January 2012	First day of term 3