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"Love God, love others, love ourselves"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you and your children this coming year. Welcome to all new children who have joined us and if any new parents have not yet met me please come and introduce yourself. I will be available on the playground before the start of school each morning.

HEADTEACHER - Mrs Shirley McBride

I am returning to school on a 'phased return to work' and hope to be back to full time as soon as possible. It is really good to be back and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and good wishes during my illness.

NEW STAFF

We have two new members of staff, Rebekah Perks who has joined us as a classroom assistant, and Katharine Schumacher who is now in our Language Resource Base. We wish them happiness and success during their careers here at ABC.

NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

We have a large intake of 42 children this year and they will be starting school next Monday. We hope they will settle quickly and fully enjoy their learning and friends. We will shortly be arranging a special 'Welcoming Service' for our reception children at St. James' Church. The whole school will attend and parents are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children look really smart in their uniforms and we appreciate your support in ensuring that all children comply. Could I please give you a gentle reminder that we like to see the children in sensible black shoes and also not to 'gel' their hair for school. (We don't mind gelled hair for discos though!)

KILVE

Our Year 5/6 children are due back this afternoon from their annual visit to Kilve Court. This is a super opportunity for the children to learn new skills and to strengthen friendships. My thanks go to all members of staff who organised this visit and are prepared to give their time for the benefit of our children.

HARVEST

Our Harvest Festival will be held at St. James Church on Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 9.30am.

FOUNDATION STAGE

Due to our building project we have moved our Foundation Stage to the classrooms formerly occupied by Mrs Hussey, Mrs Westcott and Miss Connor. Please note that ONLY Foundation Stage parents are to use the area on the Victoria Park (football/rugby side) of the school which adjoins their classes. We request that ONLY Foundation Stage use this entrance (through the play apparatus) before and after school. This will be kept locked throughout the day for the safety of the children and anyone comprising this security will put our children at risk.

CLUBS

Clubs will resume during the week beginning September 21st 2009. A letter giving full details will follow shortly. When after school clubs finish (sports etc) please collect your children from the playground outside the office area.

MUSIC

Mrs. Murphy will resume both group and individual lessons this week. If you are interested in your child learning to play the keyboard or clarinet please could you leave their name at the office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you are eligible and have not yet returned your green form please do so before 14th September or you will be charged for any meals taken.

DATA COLLECTION

We will shortly be sending out the Data Collection Sheets with your child. It is really important that we have up-to-date details in case of any emergency. We would therefore ask that you check the details that we currently have for your child and amend them if necessary then return the sheet to the school office **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

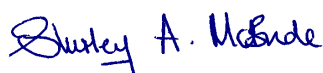
BUILDING WORK and CAR PARKING

The building work, to what was the Foundation Stage building, is due to begin soon. There will be reduced parking facilities for the duration of the repairs so if possible we would ask you to either walk your child to school or car share with another family. The car park is for staff and visitors ONLY and is NOT to be used as a public car park at any time.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember that we have both a Breakfast Club which runs from 8.00 - 8.45 and also an After School Club which runs from the end of school until 17.30pm. Full details are available from the office.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher

