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Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform

I am delighted to finally unveil details of our new school uniform. Many thanks to all of you who participated in the consultation, all of your views have been heard and taken in to account to form our final decision, which is detailed below:

Nursery and Reception Uniform

The two year groups will now wear the same 'EYFS' Uniform throughout the year, there will be no expectation for EYFS to wear a tie.

- White Polo shirt
- Nursery Sweatshirt will be updated for September 2017 with a 'V' neck that will say, 'All Saints' EYFS'. Reception class 2017 may continue to wear their current 'Nursery' sweatshirt for that year.
- Grey trousers/shorts/pinafores/skirts.
- During the summer months the girls may choose to wear a yellow and white checked dress.

Winter Uniform Year 1 - 6		Summer Uniform - Years 1 - 6	
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
White shirt	White shirt	White Polo shirt	White Polo shirt
Maroon, gold and white striped tie	Maroon, gold and white striped tie	No tie	No tie
Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt, with logo	Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt or cardigan, with logo	Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt, with logo	Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt or cardigan, with logo
Grey trousers	Grey trousers / pinafore / skirt	Grey trousers or shorts	Grey trousers /pinafore/skirt Or, yellow checked dress
Dark coloured socks	White / grey sock Grey tights	Dark coloured socks	White / grey sock

PE / Sports Kit

- White, plain, **round** necked t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Jogging bottoms may be worn during the cooler months
- Optional School 'hoodie' with school logo

As you will see, we have chosen to remain with the maroon colour for our uniform, with which I am more than happy. The addition of a tie for the winter uniform will make the children look very smart and I am very grateful to FOAS for having the idea of sponsoring a tie for each of the children, to launch our new uniform for September. The new winter uniform will be worn from September 2017 however, as already stated, we will phase out our old style sweatshirts and cardigans over the coming year with a view to all children wearing the new 'V' necked sweatshirts by September 2018.

We have also changed the PE kit to be much more cost effective for parents, with the **option** of purchasing a school hoodie.

School Badge

A huge thank you and very well done, to all the children who took the time and effort to design a new school badge for our uniform. The ideas received have been extremely imaginative and a great deal of thought has obviously gone in to their creation. We are currently working with a team of designers on our chosen art work and hope to have this ready for you to see, very soon.

Outside area

As you may recall, we have been trying to relocate the area in the junior playground, originally known as the 'Prayer Garden' (outside the Year 3 classroom) to a more appropriate site, with the view of developing the area into a bike/scooter park allowing children to ride or scoot to and from school. Unfortunately this has proved rather more tricky than we imagined.

Underneath this area of land lies an electrical cable supplying power to the school and the houses behind, from a substation behind church. You will notice this area is raised, along with the path, steps and slope into school via this side gate, this is due to the cable buried here. We have spoken with surveyors and builders and have been advised that the area is not suitable for the kind of redevelopment we had in mind. The bike/scooter park will therefore now be positioned at the edge of the KS1 playground - where the PE sheds are situated. This area will be tarmacked, the sheds positioned more closely together and the bike/scooter pod fixed here.

The original 'Prayer Garden' area will be altered to become an allotment, with raised flower and vegetable beds for the children to grow things.

I am extremely grateful to Nuala Jackson for obtaining the bike/scooter pod for our school. This valuable equipment will be a wonderful resource for our children, allowing many of them (and you!) to be more active on the way to and from school.

New Prayer Garden

We are extremely excited that our **new** Prayer Garden has now been completed! This project was made possible due to a successful bid to a company called 'Ground Designs', and was achieved at no cost at all to the school!

The internal quadrant, situated off the main hall, has been completely transformed into a beautiful, tranquil, sensory space for the children to use - complete with a solar powered water feature! Thanks to our wonderful Site Manager - Angie, the work was able to take place over the Easter break and is now safe for the children to use.

Many parents, carers and friends who came to our fantastic St George's Day celebrations today were able to venture in and all were extremely impressed and delighted with the results.

This is a wonderful new space for our school, the transformation of such an unloved, central and visible area looks fantastic and has brightened up the whole feel of the school - we are all thrilled! I look forward to being able to welcome you to come and have a look soon.

St George's Day

Many thanks to all parents, carers and friends who came to our celebration this morning - especially to those who joined in with the Morris-Dancing, impressively choreographed and led by Mrs Faulkner (hidden talents!). Mrs Ostmeier, Mrs Swanepoel, Mrs Gibbon, and all the children in St George's House also worked

very hard - and danced - to ensure the occasion was a huge success - many thanks to everyone involved. Please have a look at our twitter account for the latest pictures @AllSaintsTraff.

Dates for Summer Term

Listed below are some key dates for your diaries for this busy, 'almost-final' half-term of the school year. Please do note, these will be added to as further activities and events are planned, and information will follow. Events will also be detailed on the new website, which we hoped will be launched by the end of next week.

- Sunday 23rd April, 9.30am - First Forgiveness Celebration Mass
- Monday 24th April - 'Bags to School'
- Wednesday 26th April, 6.30pm - Holy Communion Meeting for Year 3 parents - in the school hall
- Thursday 27th April, 1.00pm - Football Competition at Crossford Bridge
- Monday 1st May *** School Closed for May Bank Holiday ***
- Tuesday 2nd May - School reopens
 - Braiswick Photographers in school
- Saturday 6th May, 12.00pm - First Holy Communion Mass
- Friday 12th May, 9.05am - First Holy Communion Celebration Mass and Crowning of Our Lady - whole school, parents, carers and friends are warmly welcome
 - Dodgeball Tournament
- Wednesday 17th May - Sports Day - parents, carers and friends are warmly welcome
 - EYFS and KS1, 9.30am
 - KS2, 1.30pm
- Saturday 20th May, 2.00pm - 6.00pm - FOAS 'Family Fun Day'
- Sunday 21st May, 9.30am - Parish First Holy Communion Celebration Mass
- Monday 22nd - Year 6 Personal Safety Course
- Wednesday 24th May - Orienteering Course
- Thursday 25th May - FOAS Disco
- Friday 26th May, 3.30pm - School closes for Whit Holidays

Many thanks for your continued support and collaboration, and as ever, if there is ever anything you wish to speak with me about, either concerning the information above, or another matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks and very best wishes



Anita Fagan
Headteacher

'You can do things I cannot, I can do things you cannot, together we can do great things' – Mother Teresa