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Welcome Back-September 2016

Dear Parents,

We have been hearing all about your wonderful summer holidays' and the family fun you have had in recent weeks but it is lovely to have everyone back in school and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

This year, once again, will be extremely busy and there are many key dates already on the school website. I urge you to check the dates of the the upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' meetings and other immediate events. Parents' Evenings have moved slightly this year but both dates are on the webcalendar for you to make note of. I would also like to highlight the invitation to parents to join Mrs Forshaw and myself for tea and cake on Wednesday 21st September in the school hall.

As well as the addition of Mrs Forshaw to our school, I would like to welcome to the team: Mrs Hermitt who will be teaching Y5; Miss Rusinek in Y4; Miss Pearson in Y3; Mr Marshall who will be taking over the role of Sport's Coach; Mrs Fanning who you will see in Nursery; Miss Deane and Mrs Mena Calvo who are joining our Welfare Team and Mrs Clarke who will be working with the children in the garden areas.

If your child has a medical condition which requires ongoing medication, such as asthma, please ensure their medicine is in date and in school. Teachers keep a medical record close by which is worth asking to check if there has been any changes to the administration of their medication. Any short term medication (including throat sweets and lip balm) should be clearly labelled in a sandwich bag and checked into the school office.

Please can I remind you that bikes and scooters should not be left at school as at present they form a hazard. We are always reviewing this situation and looking for additional solutions.

The end of the school day is a very busy time for staff and our main concern is to ensure all children get home safely. We have initiated new guidelines to manage this. Only Y6 children are permitted to walk home without a parent or guardian. Please refer to the policies section of the school website where the Collections Policy explains the procedures in more detail particularly in regards to siblings being collected by siblings.

Please can I also remind you about our expectations for behaviour by adults on the playground. The playground is a shared area and children see and hear everything that is going on. Last year, for the first time ever, we have had concerns raised by other parents about the swearing; talking about other people's children; parents treating teachers in a very unprofessional manner and threatening behaviour. We have high expectations of the children's behaviour at St Gilbert's and expect our parents to be role models.

We are excited about the year ahead and confident with your ongoing support it will be one of the best St Gilbert's has ever had.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Tumelty
Head of School

