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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Head Teacher Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Downes has been appointed as the Head Teacher from September 2018. Parent support has been a massive help with previous head teachers and I hope you will show her the same love and support to help continue push forward this outstanding school.

New Staff Appointments

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of two new teachers to the school from September: Miss Ward and Miss Hibbert. Where teachers will be placed next year will be announced in the coming weeks we are however, very excited to have them joining the school and wish them every success during their time at St Francis Xavier.

Staff Leaving

Mrs Garratt will be officially leaving the school at the end of the summer term to pursue a slight change in career. She will however be staying on in a different capacity during the Autumn Term. She has had an amazing impact during her time here and will be greatly missed. On behalf of all the staff, myself and the governors we would like to thank her for the excellent job she has done since joining the school and wish her every success in the future – we are delighted see will be continuing to contribute to the school during Autumn.

It is with great sadness to also announce that I will be leaving St Francis Xavier at the end of the summer term. This is an exciting time of change for all, I am confident in handing over to Mrs Downes and I am leaving to pursue an opportunity to further my leadership under a different role. I have had an amazing time through my different roles here and enjoyed the support from parents, the smiles on the children's faces and the successes we have had over the years. The staff within the school are very special and will help Mrs Downes push this school to achieve even bigger



successes in the years to come. Can I thank you all for making this school as special as it is – I will truly miss being a part of this community and family.

Residential Trip

Next school year, there will be a residential visit for the current Year 4 and 5 classes. This will be a two night, three day residential and takes place from Wednesday 19th September – Friday 21st September. Thank you for all those parents who have signed up for the trip – the response has been fantastic.

There will be a parent meeting on **Tuesday 19th June at 3:30**. I will update parents on the day's activities, about Alton Castle itself and provide parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Parking around school

The school and the School Council have been in constant communication with the Local Authority to help us improve the roads and parking issues around the school. You may see changes happening around the perimeter of the school over the coming weeks: initially, work has begun to install guard rails outside the main entrances of the school (by the Year 1 entrance, the Main Office entrance and by the Foundation Entrance). These will provide added security for the children around these busy areas making sure they stay off the road. We also have new 20MPH speed signs being installed around the school, lighting up during school times, as an extra speed deterrent.

Sweets within school

I have noticed a large increase within school of children bringing sweets to school. Can I remind parents that we are a Healthy School and children should not be bringing in sugary sweets and drinks for break times or within their lunch boxes. Sour sweets, energy drinks, pop, and other sweets will be taken of the children and given back to parents at the end of the day if children bring them into school. This also includes lolly pops – I have noticed a few children with lolly pops during break times. As well as these being an unhealthy snack they are also a health hazard to the children – please do not bring these into school.

Attendance and Lateness

Although we are close to the end of the year, children are still engaged within the National Curriculum and have many exciting activities and lessons ahead. Can we



please make sure holidays are not been taken during school time and your children continue to attend school. If your child is late and the gates or doors are closed, please can you make sure you are signing your children in at the front office and not letting them wonder through the school gates on their own. The safety of the children is paramount to the school and under no circumstances should children be dropped off and allowed to enter school without parent supervision.

Holy Communion and Confirmation

Years 3's First Holy Communions will take place on Saturday 9th June and Saturday 16th June at midday. There will also be a celebration Mass and breakfast morning taking place on Thursday 21st June – parents are invited to join in with these celebrations.

Confirmation will take place on Monday 25th June at 6:30pm with the Bishop coming in to meet the children before hand in school at 2pm. Children, for Confirmation, can wear their school uniform if they choose or smart wear with shoes for this special Mass. Could we please ask for the boys to wear a shirt and a Confirmation tie will be given to them on the night, the girls will receive a sash to wear. Can I remind parents that seating is only reserved for the children taking their Confirmation and their sponsor. Other members of the family are welcome to sit on the other pews but it will be a first come first served policy.

Please think of the children during this very special time and keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they make these next steps in their faith.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday 11th June – Dan Callow leading a Confirmation retreat day for Year 6
- Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June – Last After School Clubs
- Tuesday 12th June – Year 6 trip to Alton Towers
- Wednesday 13th June – Year 4 trip to Buddhist Centre
- Monday 18th June – Year 5 trip to London
- Wednesday 27th June – Reception trip to Wonderland
- Monday 2nd July – Year 1 – 6 Sports Day
- Wednesday 4th July – Whole School Music Concert
- Thursday 5th July – Year 2 trip to Edgmond Hall
- Friday 6th July – Year 4 trip to Tatton Park
- Wednesday 11th July – Year 1 trip to the Botanical Gardens



For those children taking their Holy Communion and Confirmation

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom you sent.

Look kindly on all candidates taking their Holy Communion and Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

Make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Simmons
Acting Head Teacher

