

## Reaching for the Stars!

14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another new school year. Your children look great in their smart uniforms and are a credit to you as they arrive at school on time every day having had a lovely summer break. We also welcome our new starters in Nursery and one or two others who have joined us from other schools. As we are continually trying to cut down on paper usage, we will be contacting you through the electronic media of email, text and the website so it is really important for you to keep us fully up to date with all of your mobile telephone numbers and email address on Parentpay. We have revamped our website over the summer thanks to Mr Reynolds and we hope it will improve communication. Other messages may be communicated using Pupil planners, particularly if the children are in Key Stage 2. Please remember to use the school answer machine to report your child absent on 0161 748 3392 option 1 to avoid the necessity of a phone call from the school office.

### **Important Dates for your Diary – Please keep in a safe place for reference.**

We already have some really good letters giving advice, guidance and policy statements on our website which will save us from repetition and wasting even more paper.

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| <b>16th September</b>                            | - PTA Event - ' Apple Picking ' at DPS - 1pm -3pm ( helmets and goggles ).                 |
| <b>26th September</b>                            | - Meetings for Residential Trips Y5 and Y6 Grasmere/Robinwood<br>6.30pm in the School Hall |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>                   | - Harvest Festival for Y3 at 2:15pm  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>                   | - KS1 Harvest Assembly in the Infant Hall.   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>st</sup> October</b> | - Parents' Evenings- 3.30pm - 6.30pm.  |
| <b>19th October</b>                              | - PTA Halloween Discos in Junior Hall 4pm(KS1) and 7pm (KS2) .                             |

School Dinners for KS2 children is £2.10 per day. Dinner money for the period September - October is **£67.20**.

### **Car Parking**

Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours when parking your cars to either 'drop off' or 'pick up' your children from school during term time and particularly when we have an event on such as a sports fixture or a Parents' Evening.

### **Unauthorised Absences**

There has been a clamp down on taking children out of school during term time. Unauthorised absences for periods of one - two weeks and upwards will be referred to the E.W.O who may issue a fine. The issuing of such fines are on the increase, particularly if a pupil's attendance drops below 96% and they take holidays during term time - particularly September !

Yours sincerely,

Mr P McDowell  
Headteacher