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Dear Parents,

With this weather it's quite timely to make sure that your children come to school fully equipped for the weather and all school activities, with all kit clearly labelled. I have been very impressed at how smart the children are looking, would encourage you to make sure that the good start continues, especially with footwear, please.

School Photographs

Send your children in spick and span for the photographs on Tuesday 27th September. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Clubs

Clubs have started this week, so thank you to the staff, volunteers and year 6 pupils who work so hard in running them. We have had a lot of applications this term, so I'm sorry if you have been disappointed. Please remember to inform the office if there is any change in going home routine as a result, especially bus travel.

Please note that all clubs finish at 4.15 pm, except for French which ends at 4 pm.

KS2 Tag Rugby, KS2 Basketball, KS2 Hockey, KS1 Multi-Skills - As soon as we receive confirmation from the sports coaches we will send out a letter giving details as to when these will start.

Music tuition

Message from David Gray Brass teacher: If your child is interested in having lessons on any of the following instruments please contact him on either 01822 853570 or 07779294069 or feel free to send him an email on iamthemusicman_dave@hotmail.com.

- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Any other brass instrument (e.g. French horn, Euphonium, Tuba)

Pupils can either have a 30 minute group lesson for £5 or 20 minute individual lesson for £6. Also contact me if you require any information regarding hiring an instrument.

Parking

Please continue to ensure that you are parking with care and consideration around the school. This includes not parking on street corners and especially not blocking driveways.

Absences and lates

Please ask for a holiday request form if you intend to book a holiday in term time. Holiday requests will only be considered if it is for the purpose of a family holiday in exceptional circumstances, not for cost or if it has been booked already. In agreement with the other schools in the Tavistock area I am afraid holiday requests will not be authorised for the first two weeks of each term or when SATs are taking place. I hope you understand that this is in the best interests of your children's education.

We are required to keep a register of absences and late arrivals and if necessary we issue letters to parents if there are concerns about attendance.

BCG Vaccination for TB

We have been asked to include the following article in our school newsletter:

'In line with national policy, BCG vaccination for TB has not routinely been given to children in schools since 2005. NHS Devon are now screening young people in reception year, who are at risk of developing or have ongoing risk of exposure to TB infection. This includes any child aged 5-18 years who has not been vaccinated against TB infection and:

- Have a parent or grandparent born in a country with a high incidence of TB
- OR**
- Were born or lived for more than 3 months in any country with a high incidence of TB

Please contact The Immunisation Team on **01392 208469/208470** to arrange screening and vaccination.

Thank you for supporting this vital public health screening programme.'

Scholastic Book Fair

This will be taking place from 29th September in school.

PTA AGM:

This is an advance notice of the PTA AGM which will take place immediately after school on Wednesday 5th October.

Newsletters

If you would like an electronic version of this letter, please sign up at

newsletter@standrewscofe.co.uk.

I look forward to catching up with you all in the playgrounds and do pop in to see me for a chat or by phone or email if you have any concerns.

With best wishes,



Sarah Pendle

**Fantastic Fun Club
(FFC)
Vacancies for before and after school care
enquire at school
01822 853153
admin@standrewscofe.co.uk
Vouchers can be used**

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Panto tickets: Cinderella

on 3rd Jan 2012 @ 2.30pm

Tickets are £10.50 for all seats

call Denise Willson on 859430 to reserve tickets