

8th September, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wish everyone a very warm welcome back to a new school year. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to make it a truly memorable one.

Congratulations on how smartly turned out the children are for the new school year. They are a credit to you. They came through the gates with enthusiasm on Wednesday morning and have settled in well to their new classes. We are sure that this enthusiasm and energy continues for the challenges that they will meet this year.

There is good news to share about Mr McQueen. He is out of theatre and now beginning his recovery. I know many of you have been asking about him and I will send on your good wishes. We will miss him and yet all do our best to ensure we maintain the high standards he has set for Ursuline. We pray for his speedy recovery.

There is a change to the reward system, which we have been planning for a while now, and thought it best to start at this point. Children will be earning Golden Time, not losing it. They can earn 1 minute towards Golden Time at each session including breaks and lunchtimes. They can earn up to 6 minutes a day which will amount to 30 minutes Golden Time on Fridays. If there is a misdemeanour they will not get that minute for that particular session. The children will be given 2 warnings. If the behaviour continues after that, they are told that they have not earned it for the session. There will not be an opportunity to earn it back. We have explained this to the children. However, if anyone needs further clarification please see the teacher or me. Please find attached a list of dates for the school year, which we hope you will find useful in planning your diaries. The first of these is our **'Open Night' on Monday 18th September (6-7pm)**, which is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out about the work s/he will be doing during the year. We look forward to seeing you then.

From now on you can register to receive a copy of the school newsletter by email via the school website. Click under News and Diary to subscribe. If you need a paper version please complete the slip below and return to school by Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Just a little note now to the children.

Dear Children

It was a delight to see you coming through the gates with those smiles and looking so smart. Your teachers have been very impressed by the start you have made to the new school year. We know you are going to give us 100% in all that you do.

It was lovely hearing about all the fun things you have done in the holidays and all the "catching up" with family and friends. Thank-you for sharing them with me. Have a great weekend and lots of rest. One more thing: "There are big ships and little ships but the best ship is FRIENDSHIP".

Yours sincerely,

Acting Head Teacher

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Child's Name.....**Class**.....

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