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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Report Reply Slips

There are still a number of reply slips to be returned to confirm receipt of your child's annual report. If you have not already returned your reply slip can you please do so as soon as possible.

Parent Governor Election

The results of the Parent Governor election are as follows:-

Mr Kevin Eley	18 votes
Mr Simon Hare	44 votes
Mr David Nelms	25 votes
Mr Richard Robey	30 votes

Mr Simon Hare is duly elected as Parent Governor and I hope you will join me in wishing him every success in this new role. I would also like to thank Mr Eley, Mr Nelms and Mr Robey for their support to the school.

Respect for Residents

Last Thursday night I was met in the school entrance by a very upset and angry resident, who had been unable to access his drive and found children playing on his property.

I have been informed by a parent who was waiting outside the vicarage for their child about the tone and content of the exchange that took place so I have a balanced view.

However, this is not the first time angry or aggressive residents have arrived in school. The resident I spoke to last week lives behind the vicarage and his drive access is at the side of the vicarage. Although his gates are set back from the road, his property does include the slate borders either side of his gates where he regularly finds children playing and posting slate through his letterbox.

I am also aware of an exchange between two parents the week before last which resulted in a vehicle mounting the pavement and an exchange of swearing taking place – this is hardly the sort of conversation I want your children to be party to.

I would like to politely make the following points:-

- Thank you to a large majority of parents who continue to walk to school or park a safe distance away.
- To the small minority who continue to selfishly block the access of residents around the school site, can I please ask you to allow yourself enough time in a morning and an afternoon to park safely and with respect. I find it very unreasonable that I must be faced with verbal aggression due to selfish drivers. It is also a poor use of my time to be constantly writing letters and dealing with these issues when I could be supporting your children with their academic and personal progress.
- All parents have the right to wait on the pavement and if you are met with aggression please

- I will be raising this issue once again with the Governing Body early in September, and discussing whether it is now time to name and shame through publishing number plates.

I would be interested to know if you have any positive ideas.

Please help me to keep your children safe, staff free from unnecessary aggression and residents happy.

Holiday Dates 2007/2008 & 2008/09

Please find attached list of holiday dates for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher