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Dear Parents and Carers,

What another fantastic week we have had at St Albans! We have been blessed with some lovely weather, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the fun games, activities and new resources that we have added to the school yard for lunchtime. We are continuing to develop our playground provision as much as we can, and we would be incredibly grateful for any donations of old jigsaws, prams or inflatable items that could be used safely by the children. If you have anything at home that you no longer need and think would help make our lunchtimes even more enjoyable, we would be delighted to receive it.

Waterproof Coats

Although we have enjoyed some lovely sunshine, please can we remind everyone that the weather can change quickly! We ask that all children bring a waterproof coat to school each day, just in case we get a sudden shower.

Nursery & Reception – Please Label Belongings

A little reminder for our Nursery and Reception families: please make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. This really helps us to make sure that everything finds its way back to the right child. If your child has accidentally brought something home that does not belong to them, please return it to school so that we can reunite it with its owner. Thank you for helping us with this.

Earrings

For safety reasons, please can we ask that children do not come to school wearing earrings. Children should use the appropriate plastic spacers instead. This is an important part of helping us to keep everyone safe, particularly during PE and playtimes.

Fidget Toys

Please can we also ask that children do not bring their own fidget toys into school. We understand that these can be very helpful for some children, but they can also be expensive and can easily become lost or damaged during the school day. The school has a supply of fidget toys and other educational resources which can be used when needed, under the direction of the class teacher.

Peter Rabbit St Oswald's!

Our wonderful St Albans Peter Rabbit is currently on display at St Oswald's in Jesmond, and it has been lovely to hear so many children telling us that they have visited him and even taken photographs. We are incredibly

proud of our school creation and love hearing about all the children and families who have gone to see him. We hope you continue to enjoy spotting Peter Rabbit out and about!

Mobile Phones

The Department for Education has recently released updated guidance regarding the use of mobile phones in schools. At St Albans, we ask that children only bring a mobile phone or smart device to school when it is genuinely needed, for example, if they require it for their journey home. This also includes devices such as smart watches, smart glasses and other internet-enabled or connected devices that can be used to communicate, access information, take photographs or record. If a child does bring a mobile phone or smart device into school, we ask that it is switched off as they enter the school yard and handed to their class teacher. Devices will then be kept safely and securely during the school day and returned to the child at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that our school remains a safe, calm and focused environment for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with these routines. They help us to ensure that St Albans remains a safe, happy and enjoyable place for every child.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 25th September, with treats and refreshments available in the hall from 2:30pm. Parents and families are very welcome to come along and join us. If you would like to make a donation, we would be very grateful. Shop-bought items should be sealed and in their original packaging to help us manage any allergies. Homemade cakes and treats are also very welcome. If you are bringing something homemade, please could you include a list of the ingredients and any allergens, so that we know exactly what is in each item. As always, please do not send any nuts or items containing nuts into school. We will share some further information about the afternoon closer to the time. Thank you for your support — we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Best of luck to anyone running the mini or great north run at the weekend.

Mrs Yeoman

