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Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a wonderful summer holiday. We are very excited to start back up next week and can't wait to see the children! Please read on for a couple of important updates before school reopens on Wednesday.

Important Building Works

The school is currently undergoing some building work to improve the facilities we can offer. This is a result of a successful application for a £700,000 grant for school improvement, and includes renovating the heating within the entire building as well as ensuring that the fire safety features within school are upgraded.

The professionals on site started this work in the holidays and are completing it in several phases, which will lead to some minor disruption within school over the coming months. While nobody would wish for any disruption at all during term time, please remember that this is very important work and maintaining the safety of the building and ensuring that children are warm and comfortable in the winter months is vital.

The increased number of vehicles means that we will have to utilise the area at the front of school as a temporary overflow car park. **We will initially keep pick-up and drop-off on the front playground** but ask that children are supervised and that care is taken around any cars that are on the playground. As a result of this, playtimes will be held on the Multi-Use Games Area at the rear of school.

More significantly, due to the nature of the works taking place across the whole school, at certain points of the first term all classes will be temporarily displaced to a different part of the school for their learning.

The dates we anticipate that this will affect each class are as follows:

25th September – 27th October:

Year 3/4

Year 4/5

Year 6

6th November - 24th November:

Year 1

27th November – 15th December:

EYFS

Year 2

Please note that works such as this can be complex and that, as a result, these dates may be subject to change. We will, of course, keep you informed.

Temporary Change to Menu

Due to the kitchen having had this work completed in the Summer Holidays and the subsequent clean-up and maintenance of the equipment, we are having to provide an alternative menu for the first three days back in school (6th September-8th September). This menu is as follows:

Week commencing 4 th Sept	Wed 6 th Sept	Thurs 7 th Sept	Fri 8 th Sept
Sandwich Selection	Choice of Filling Ham, Cheese, Egg or Tuna Mayo	Choice of Filling Ham, Cheese, Egg or Tuna Mayo	Choice of Filling Ham, Cheese, Egg or Tuna Mayo
Accompaniments	Small Sausage Roll	Cheese Square	Crisps
Salad Selection	Cherry Tomatoes	Cucumber Sticks	Carrot Batons.
Dessert	Flapjack, Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade cookie , Fresh Fruit & Jelly	Chocolate Orange Muffin Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

We apologise for this temporary change and hope to be back up and running normally from the 11th September.



ClassDojo

As per our previous communication, we have decided to utilise the communications platform ClassDojo as a primary point of communication in response to feedback. Please see our full explanation here:

[ClassDojo-introduction.pdf \(dodworthstjohns.org.uk\)](https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CYGE5KP)

I am pleased to be able to provide the links that you will be able to use to access your child's class. Simply follow the correct link(s) below and enter your child's name when prompted. This will send a request to the class teacher who can then connect you to the class. From here, you'll be able to see all kinds of updates from your child's class in the Class Story section, and you will also have access to the School Story, where important updates such as those contained in this letter will be posted in the future. Please see the following for help on how to connect: [Connecting to Your Child's Class via a Class Link – ClassDojo Helpdesk \(zendesk.com\)](#)

ClassDojo links:

Mrs Taylor's Class – EYFS

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CYGE5KP>

Mrs Jones' Class – Year 1

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CD2XQYM>

Mrs Sumner's Class – Year 2

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CXH84WG>

Mrs Barber's Class – Year 3/4

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CG5AZY3>

Mrs Wood's Class – Year 4/5

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CNPNF7H>

Mrs Whiteley's Class – Year 6

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CKCUAXZ>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We can't wait to see everybody next week!

Mr J Smith

Head of School