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Dear Parent / Carer,

Phew! What a lot is going on just now! Some news for you:

### **Dates**

With the new school situation being so changeable, there have been a lot of date changes so I've enclosed an up to the minute list of upcoming events. This one is correct – please destroy all other versions! Apologies for the confusion re Healthy Friday – I had meant to get a flier to you but didn't! Please take particular note of our Closure events and the end of term date.

### **Parents Evenings**

Appointments for those who returned the slip requesting one are enclosed with this newsletter. If you didn't return the slip, you didn't get an appointment – if you still wish one, please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

### **School Uniform**

I've just finished collating all the returns from our survey; I'll be issuing a note of our preferred uniform for next session on Monday to help you to prepare for next session. We'll be stocking up on new uniforms here and Mrs Daly will be in touch soon about ordering. The school tie will not change (despite what the Schoolwear shop seems to be saying to some parents!)

### **Thanks**

Bugsy Malone was a huge success. A massive thank you to the children of P5-7, their teachers and other staff helpers for their efforts in putting on what has been described by so many as the best school show they've ever seen! P4's Inspire Show at the Rep was also fabulous; a huge thanks to those children, teachers and staff as well. What a talented school!

### **Trips**

The summer trip season is well underway and being enjoyed by the children so far. A big thank you to everyone who helps with and contributes to the fundraisers held throughout the year. Some people make marathon efforts and these are hugely appreciated and show what a great community this school has around it. These allow us to subsidise every visit out of school to make them affordable – without these subsidies all the trips would have cost £15-£20 per child!

### **Education Mass**

The annual Education Mass for schools takes place on Thursday (6th June) at St Andrew's Cathedral in the Nethergate Staff and senior pupils will be representing the school and any parent/carers who wishes to come along is very welcome. The Mass is led by St Mary's, Lochee and starts at 7pm.

### **New School**

Following the Parents Meeting held at Lochee Primary at the end of April, I sent a copy of a Frequently Asked Questions paper home (and posted on the blog). I hope this has been helpful. Mrs Mulholland and I are busy just now working on the 'operational arrangements' ie how things will actually work day to day and I hope to get this to you soon, too. The new place is looking great, honestly, and the staff here can't wait to get in.

You'll see from Monday that new portacabins are located on the new school entrance way. This is in preparation for the demolition of this building which will take place over the summer.

### **Principal Teacher**

As you know, and sadly, our Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Donnelly, will unfortunately be moving on in the summer, to St Luke's and St Matthew's Primary. I will be interviewing next Monday for a Principal Teacher who will be appointed to help with at least some (although by no means all) of Mrs Donnelly's current duties. I'll write to you with further news when I can. Once this is determined, I can then set classes and teachers for next session. In keeping with the wishes of parents/carers, I'm really hoping that next year we will be able to have straight year group classes throughout the school – fingers, crossed, not definite yet.

### **Photograph**

As a souvenir of the old building, we've had a whole school photograph taken. Your child has been given a small preview photograph along with an order form giving you the chance to purchase a copy of this. Please return all orders with payment to the school by Friday 7 June 2013. A copy will go into the Time Capsule which will be buried under the new school along with other items of memorabilia.

### **Contacts**

As always, please keep us informed if you change any contact numbers. This is really important. Remember, too, to let us know first thing if your child is to be off for any reason.

Yours sincerely,

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