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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Giles Brook and an especial welcome to all our new families, I hope that your children will really enjoy their time at our school. I hope everyone had a terrific summer with their children despite the weather. I am very pleased to be back after my viral illness at the end of last term and it has been great to see everyone again – all the children seem to have grown even in that time! Thank you to everyone for your patience with the new entry arrangements. The children seem to have settled back to school very quickly and I am very pleased with our staff team – they really are a very committed and friendly group of people. I will send a letter out shortly with dates for the year up to July 2008 so that people can get their diaries in order. Please could I remind people to send plimsolls/trainers in for outdoor P.E. this term.

Building

Rok the builders have been very busy over the summer rectifying all the faults found in our building and there seem to have been many!!! Although it was frustrating last year to have to wait until the Building Research Establishment (BRE) completed their investigations, in the longer term it will be worth it. BRE seem to have looked into every aspect of the building and made extensive demands on the measures needed to remedy the faults.

I think the main problem always was that it was built in great haste and corners were cut; the current work should be a full and complete cure. I think it will be a huge relief to us all when we finally get back into the main building with all the building related trials and tribulations behind us. Speaking to Rok, they reckon it will around March before they have completed the full programme of works. They have greatly impressed all of us with their professionalism and they seem to deliver exactly what they say they will.

Many thanks to our Governors who have done so much work in the background to ensure that every last detail is considered. They have done a fantastic job in keeping the Council focused on our concerns and addressing them thoroughly.

Term Dates

We have had many enquiries about term dates as holidays are now being booked. Before the dates letter goes out I thought people might appreciate a list for the coming year.

Autumn Half Term - break up Friday 19th October children return Tuesday 29th October

Christmas - break up Friday 21st December and children return Tuesday 8th January 2008

Spring Half Term – break up Friday 15th February and children return Monday 25th February

Easter – break up Friday 4th April and children return Monday 21st April (please note Easter falls early this year so there will be a long weekend holiday Friday 21st March – Monday 24th March inclusive)

Summer Half Term – break up Friday 23rd May and children return Tuesday 3rd June

Summer – break up Wednesday 23rd July and children return Wednesday 3rd September

Yours sincerely

Philip Scull
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