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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to all of our families who have returned after the Summer Holidays and to those who are joining the school for the first time. Since being back, the children have quickly settled into school routines and have already started to produce some fantastic work. Last week, the teachers and I worked hard to design and develop a new curriculum which will provide the children with many opportunities to complete fun-filled educational activities and experiences throughout the year. As a team, we will continue to develop and improve our provision, during the year, to ensure that we enable the children to meet their full potential whilst providing them with life-long memories.

New Staff

We are very lucky to announce the arrival of a new member of staff who has joined our team since last year. We would like to welcome Miss Brand who will be the teacher in Panda Class.

Curriculum Meetings

During the week beginning 23rd September 2019, the teachers from each year group will hold a Curriculum Meeting. The meetings will allow the teachers to explain all the information linked to curriculum, homework and new expectations for their child's new year group. Each year group will hold two meetings one at 9am and one at 6pm. If you are unable to attend either meeting, you will be able to access all of the paper work and presentations on the school's website by Monday 30th September 2019. The dates for the individual year groups can be found below -

Tuesday 24th September 2019 - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 25th September 2019 - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2019 - Reception Curriculum Meeting

Homework

Homework and Reading Dairies will not be sent out until Friday 27th September after the curriculum meetings have been held and the year group expectations have been explained.

Question of the week

Speaking and Listening activities will play a larger part in our curriculum this year. It is our belief that if we support the children to develop a much wider vocabulary and understanding of the world this will have a positive impact on their overall learning journey and outcomes. As part of this push, we are going to introduce a question of the week. This question will be given to the children on Fridays for them to discuss with someone at home over the weekend.

The question will be displayed on the classroom walls, in the newsletter and placed on Facebook. Hopefully the question will generate some interesting conversations at home. There is no need to record an answer and this can be completed at any appropriate time. It is our hope that the weekly question will be something families look forward to.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Aldridge for the work he has completed in and outside of the school building. I believe the school has never looked better and this is down to Mr Aldridge's hard work and commitment.

New Equipment

The development of the outdoor area in the EYFS was completed over the holidays. I am sure families will agree the area now looks much more inviting and will provide the children with additional high quality opportunities for their time in the outdoor classroom. I would like to ask families to ensure that children do not use any of the climbing equipment before or after school.

Parent Workshops

We will continue to hold half termly parent workshops which will allow parents to work alongside their children in a range of curriculum areas. The dates for these workshops will be published next week.

Clubs

After the success of the school's after school clubs last year, we will continue to offer them this year. Hopefully, we can continue to offer a wide range of clubs and experiences for the children over the next year. Further details about how children can sign up to the clubs will be published next week.

Parents' Evening

Finally, I would like to draw parent's attention to the dates for parents' evening. The first parents' evenings of the year will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October 2019. These meetings and the termly reports will allow the school to keep parents updated about their child's progress roughly every six to eight weeks throughout the year. A letter will be sent out in the coming weeks for parents to request their meetings.

Key Dates

Key dates for the year will be sent out with this week's newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Proctor

Head Teacher