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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first week back, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to share how proud we are of all our children.

A special well done goes to our Year 5 pupils and all new starters across the school, who have transitioned exceptionally well into their new environment. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and challenging, but they have embraced the experience with enthusiasm, confidence and positivity. They have settled quickly into school life, made new friendships and demonstrated our values from day one. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

We are equally proud of the children in all other year groups. It has been wonderful to welcome them back following the summer break. They have returned ready to learn, eager to reconnect with friends and staff, and have made a fantastic start to the new academic year.

The Importance of Attendance: At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive. Regular attendance is a key part of this. Children who attend school every day are more likely to make strong academic progress, build positive friendships, develop confidence and establish the routines that support lifelong success. Inclusive Attendance promotes the belief that attendance is everyone's responsibility and that regular attendance helps children feel connected, supported and fully engaged in school life.

To help children start each day positively and punctually:

- School gates open at **8.20am**.
- This provides children with time to put their belongings in their lockers and make their way to their tutor rooms.
- Tutor time and registration begin promptly at **8.30am.**
- School gates will close at **8.30am.**
- Any child arriving after this time must enter the school via the main reception and be signed in.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child arrives on time each day, ready to learn.

Preparing for the Weather: As the seasons begin to change and the weather becomes more unpredictable, please could we ask that all children wear or bring a raincoat in their school bag each day. This will help ensure they remain comfortable and prepared for outdoor activities and journeys to and from school.

Afterschool Clubs: Next week, we are delighted to launch our programme of afterschool clubs for the Autumn Term. These clubs provide excellent opportunities for children to develop new skills, pursue interests and enjoy spending time with their peers.

Please take some time to review the available opportunities with your child and sign up for any clubs they wish to attend via the Arbor app.

Looking Ahead: We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to continuing our partnership with you to support your child throughout their educational journey. We are also currently planning a range of enrichment trips for each year group, and further information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We have had a fantastic first week and are looking forward to all that this year will bring.

Warmest wishes,



Dr Deborah Craddock

Headteacher