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Dear Parents and Families,

A very warm welcome back to our new year in school.  
We trust the holiday break was fun, if perhaps exhausting, and today the children appear happy and excited to return.  
A big thank you with regard to school uniform – pupils are looking very smart and are super ambassadors for our school.

Following on from our successful Ofsted report and recommendations, staff have been working hard to develop a new skills based curriculum across the whole school. Core subjects ( Literacy / Numeracy ) will be taught each morning, linking directly to objectives for the Early Years Foundation Curriculum and Key Stages 1 ( 4 – 7 years ) and 2 ( 7 – 11 years) of the National Curriculum.  
Foundation subjects: History / Geography / Science / Art & Design / IT / PE / RE / MFL ( French in KS 2 )/ British Values, will be taught and pupils will learn through a topic based approach that promotes a skills development programme that supports enquiry and investigation. This approach forms the basis for teaching and learning every afternoon and literacy / numerical practical applications and links will be made constantly by and with pupils. Educational research shows that supporting and enabling children to put into practice what they are learning and how in a topical context is a highly effective way of supporting lasting learning across life and is fun!

The topic themed cycles for KS1 and KS2 are posted on our school website under Curriculum – please do look. If you have any questions, staff will then be happy to help.

In direct response to suggestions you, the parents made either through survey or at our Meet The Governors session, we intend to send out a weekly information sheet every Friday. The newsletter will outline school and class news, events and details on the teaching and learning classes will be engaging in the following week. Each weekly newsletter will also be regularly posted on our school website. Please take time to read these – your child will be delighted you are interested.



## Important Reminders

- . Breakfast Club daily at 8.15am in school hall - open to all pupils.
- . All classes will have sports coaching sessions and PE this year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays – please ensure PE bag / kit is in school each Monday and taken home each Wednesday after school.
- . After school Sports Clubs will begin the week of 17<sup>th</sup> September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see class teacher or school secretary to register your child. These clubs are free of charge, so why not encourage your children to come along – great health and fitness benefits and plenty of fun.
- . With cooler weather and showers, please ensure your child has a suitable coat or jacket daily.
- . Reading books should be in school daily and please do write your comments in the Home / School Reader Booklet when you have shared a book with your child.
- . Remember indoor shoes should be kept at school.
- . Homework will go home with your child each week on Friday and should be returned the following Tuesday . It will be linked to the teaching and learning your child has been involved in that week.
- . Walking Bus and Village Hall Parking Scheme will begin Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September as detailed in the official Scheme Letter .
- . Our weekly Superstar Spotted Assembly returns each Monday , beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, at 9.10am in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome, not only family members of those pupils receiving a certificate. The pupils love to see you all and gain so much pride in their efforts when you celebrate their successes with them.

Finally, it is with enormous gratitude and deep regret that we have to inform you that Mrs Temple has decided to bring her time at the school to an end. For so many years, she has been a force for good and excellence as a dedicated practitioner and a wonderful role model and support to staff and pupils alike. It was Mrs Temple's decision, and one she thought long and hard on. I know, along with the school, you send her good wishes and much love for the future.

Looking towards a fresh year with you all

Mr J Robertson  
( Head )

Mrs L. Thorp  
( Chair of Governors )

