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A Wonderful Start to the School Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the many positives from the first few weeks.

The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and routines. It has been lovely to see them developing new friendships, growing in confidence and engaging positively with their learning. The atmosphere around school has been calm, purposeful and welcoming, and we are incredibly proud of how quickly the children have adapted to the new school year.

I would also like to thank you for your understanding and patience regarding the changes made to our lunch ordering arrangements and for the support you have shown our office team during a period of staff absence. Your kindness and cooperation have been greatly appreciated and have helped us to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly.

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Baker**, our new sports coach, who is working with us for two days each week. He has been warmly welcomed by both pupils and staff and is already proving to be a fantastic addition to our team.

Our Year 2 and Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly NAPA sessions and have embraced every opportunity to perform and express themselves. Parents and carers of children in these year groups should keep an eye out for further information, as we will soon be inviting you into school to watch their performances.

Friday assemblies have become a wonderful celebration of success. Each week, we recognise children who have impressed their teachers by demonstrating our school values of **Work Hard, Be Kind and Dream Big**. In addition, we have introduced **Hot Chocolate with a Leader**, a special reward for children who consistently demonstrate all three values in their daily actions and attitudes.

Academically, we have introduced our new phonics programme this term. A huge thank you goes to our staff team, who have worked incredibly hard to implement the scheme so successfully in such a short space of time. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended our recent phonics workshop. Reading is one of the most important skills children will develop, and this programme will complement and support the valuable reading practice you do with your children at home.

In Years 4, 5 and 6, pupils are also developing their digital literacy skills through the increased use of laptops. Children are using Microsoft Teams assignments to record aspects of their learning in reading and writing lessons, helping them to build important technology skills alongside their academic development.

Consultation evenings take place next week, and I know many of you are looking forward to meeting your child's teacher. These appointments are intended to provide a brief opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and made the start to the year. If you feel a longer conversation is required, please arrange a follow-up phone call or meeting with the teacher at a later date. This will help us to keep appointments running to time and ensure every family receives their allocated slot.

Miss Loveridge, our SENDCo, also has some appointments available for parents who wish to discuss any concerns. If her availability does not appear on your Arbor account, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange an appointment for you.

We are very excited about the many educational visits, events and enrichment opportunities planned throughout the year and look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Finally, as the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat and, where possible, a change of shoes or wellies. We will continue to make the most of our outdoor environment during break and lunchtime and want all children to be able to enjoy these opportunities comfortably.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that all of our children continue to thrive, grow and succeed.

Kind regards,



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