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Dear Parents and Carers

As the first week of the new school year draws to a close, it seems as if the holidays are a dim and distant memory. The children have all settled well into their new classes with a few wobbles here and there. Our new reception pupils have been wonderful and are a really confident bunch. Our new parents have done a great job of getting them 'school ready' and some are already settling down to morning activities like pros. For some, settling in takes longer, but everyone gets there in the end!

We celebrated the first week's learning today in our first set of praise and merit assemblies. It was lovely to be able to read some of their poems to the pupils and celebrate their hard work. The poetry anthology 'Once Upon a Dream' has now been published. This contains many poems by our pupils who won the writing competition. Rauri's cheeky poem about teachers went down particularly well and Jenny had us all dreaming of unicorns.

There are a few reminders and key dates for everyone in this letter. Other key dates will come out as soon as bookings etc. have been confirmed. We'll aim to give as much notice as possible.

I've also included the vision statement created by staff and children at the end of last year. In my first assembly on Monday we talked about this and our focus this week has been **learning** and **being happy**. The building has certainly been a happy place having been a bit quiet in the holidays without the children!

I look forward to seeing many of you in school for our first drop-in session where children can talk you through their learning.

Kind regards

Mrs Deevoy

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OUR SCHOOL

We are a learning community aiming to change children's lives.

Our community is a vibrant happy place where high expectations are the norm.

Everyone strives for academic, artistic and sporting excellence in a no-excuses culture.

In our community we are all honorable people, treating each other with respect.

We show impeccable manners and care for our learning environment.

Please ensure you model good conduct when you are on school grounds. This includes not littering, swearing or smoking/vaping.

UNIFORM

We've noticed that some pupils have not been wearing correct uniform this week. Please ensure that your child is wearing a logoed school jumper (this is the only logoed item we require) and has plain black shoes. Sew on patches can be bought from the school office. We will be checking uniform next week.



COMMUNICATION

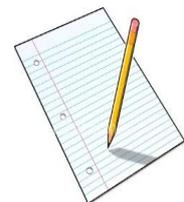
First and foremost we are a **learning community** and this needs to be forefront in everyone's minds. I am aware that some parents are regularly requesting to see teachers after school or asking for phone calls during school for minor matters related to lost items, school information or friendship issues. Teachers have meetings 3 nights a week after school for development purposes and are also marking books and preparing for the following day in the evenings. This means any additional meetings or calls are done in their own time or eat into the time they can spend planning high quality learning experiences for your children. The office is able to cover most enquiries and morning matters is always available for messages to teachers. Miss Smith our pastoral lead, takes a focus on break times and lunchtimes (which are usually where any friendship issues might occur) so please don't be offended if it is the office or a member of a different team who calls you back. The teachers aren't avoiding you, they are focusing on creating great learning activities for your child! So please do continue to call the office

or use morning matters for messages for teachers, but please think twice about whether you actually need a meeting or phone call with the teacher before requesting one.



DROP IN SESSIONS

We will continue to offer our termly drop in sessions the first one being on **Wednesday 27th September**, giving you the opportunity to come into school regularly for an informal chat and to see your child's work. Our Reception classes will have bookable appointments.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Macmillan – 29th September
Harvest Festival – 2nd October

Letters to follow.