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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year, and a special hello to our new families joining us this term. It was wonderful to see our children return ready to learn and I'm sure you are pleased they are back too! School has got off to an excellent start - this week is all about establishing routines and expectations with the children so it seems an opportune time to remind you of a few things.

School uniform and PE Kits

We are having a real push on uniform and expect all of our children to wear full school uniform at all times, including suitable, black school footwear. PE kits also have to be school PE kits. Please make sure that you support our excellent reputation by ensuring that your children are smart and tidy for school and wearing the correct uniform at all times.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

We would like to invite you all to meet your child's new class teacher on **Wednesday 13th September** straight after school at 3:30 in classrooms. It's an opportunity for you to meet and establish that very important relationship between home and school and raise any questions you might have about the new school year. Teachers will give you your curriculum maps and letters at the meeting to take away.

Philosophy for Children (P4C)

This year we embark on an exciting new curriculum development by introducing P4C. A proven means of raising standards and also a lot of fun, the weekly P4C lessons (slightly different for EYFS children) will teach children the skills they need to make decisions, justify their thinking, express their reasoning in a calm and logical manner and in time, become curious learners and critical thinkers. It also promotes understanding and tolerance of other people's points of view. We will be inviting you in to a parents P4C meeting this half-term to share the project with you and by the end of the Year aim to be an Accredited Bronze Award P4C school.

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Breakfast Club

The condition of our Breakfast Club funding is that it is staffed by parent volunteers. We desperately need parents to help us from 8-8:50 in the mornings. Even if you can offer just one morning a week, we need you! Please speak to me, Miss Heard or Mrs Daly in the school office if you can help us. So many children rely on this fantastic club and we would be devastated if we had to close it down.

KSI Parents

Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 are requested from next **Monday, the 11th September** to say goodbye to their children at the playground doors where they are collected at 3:30. They will walk round to class themselves where they will be greeted and trained to hang up their coats and bags and go into class. We will supervise them doing this until they are confident. Learning starts immediately from 8:50AM and all members of staff need to be in class, so if you need to speak to someone you need to come to school earlier through the front doors and ask the office to call the person you need to speak to.

Year 1 Meeting

Y1 parents are asked to attend an Attendance Legalities Meeting in the school hall on **Tuesday 11th September at 9AM.**

We look forward to a very successful year with you and your child,

Very best wishes,

Ms J Belton

Head Teacher



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