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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been such a pleasure to spend time with the children this week, catching up on their news from the holidays and seeing them enjoying their new classes.

These four days have been specifically focused on our staff having the opportunity to get to know your children as learners, for the children to understand more about themselves as learners and how they can get the most from class activities to learn effectively. This has been time well spent and I look forward in anticipation to seeing the benefits as the term progresses.

From next week we will return to our curriculum work and we will start to establish routines. Homework will be set next Friday; specific details will be shared at the Meet the Team session next week or can be found in the homework policy. We have some really exciting learning topics planned for this term- curriculum maps will be sent home by class teachers next week so that we can share the learning experiences. Class blogs are now up-and-running and can be accessed through the school website. These are a great way to keep up with what's going on in class and I would encourage parents and wider family to make a habit of regularly logging on. Please note that homework will not be posted on class blogs this year but will be recorded in the reading records.

Clubs will start from the week commencing 25th September; the letter will be sent out via bookbags next week.

Meet the Team sessions are organised at the beginning of each term to allow parents to meet class teachers and assistants. Following parent feedback these are held directly after school but we recognise that not all parents will be available. Whilst we would love to see all parents we recognise that this time does not work for all; do not worry if you cannot be in attendance; a summary of the key information covered will be available from your child's class teacher.

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Meet The Team sessions. All to be held straight after school

Reception children will be covered through a separate programme

| Year Group | Teachers/ classes | Session date |
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| Children in Year 1 | Miss Williamson 2/ Miss Waterfield 3 | Wednesday 13th September |
| Children in Year 2 | Miss Hamm 4 | Thursday 14th September |
| Children in Years 3 and 4 | Miss Beresford 5, Miss Bath 6, Miss Wharton, Mrs Argent 7 | Tuesday 12th September |
| Children in Year 5 | Mr Clothier 8 | Monday 18 th September |
| Children in Year 6 | Mrs Poulton/ Mrs Flagg 9 | Tuesday 19 th September |

Other key dates for the term will be forwarded next week.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming term and to continuing our learning partnership.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Heath Headteacher

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