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### **Welcome Back!**

Well, we are back. After weeks and months of planning, it was marvellous to welcome our lovely children and families back into school. Some children were very anxious, some excited, some a bit of both. Similarly, some parents were very apprehensive, yet some were not far short of having balloons on the car and a street party because their children are back at school! I appreciate that no-one expected most pupils would be out of school for almost 170 days when we left back in March. However, the priority now is getting back to "as close to" normal as we can and catching up academically but also emotionally over the coming weeks. It has been a big change for our pupils and our staff this week, but they have all handled it brilliantly. Although school is very different to how we left it in March, we hope we still provide the children with a safe, caring and supportive environment. It will still take time to fully adjust to the new normal of school life including all of the new COVID-19 precautions, which have been implemented in their absence but, based on the last few days, we are off to a great start during school time.

Thank you for the positive comments we have received from many of you. We know that the dismissal time has been a little hectic, but we feel it has definitely improved as the week has gone on.

We have welcomed new children to both our Nursery and Reception this year. You are joining a very close school community and, though we can't offer you the many family opportunities that we usually give, I am sure you will immediately feel a part of our wonderful school.

We also welcome a few new adult faces. Miss Megan Lee, who trained with us on the CTPP programme last year, is now teaching in Year 3. We also welcome two new CTPP trainees, Miss Demi Henderson, who is working in Year 5, and Mr Jake Regan, who is in Year 6.

### **Open Mornings/Parents' Evenings**

As with many of our normal activities and events, family open mornings will not take place this term. I am sure you will understand that this would severely compromise our COVID protocol. We will endeavour to provide you with some form of communication or vehicle that will give you the chance to see your child's classroom, what they are learning etc.

Similarly, face to face Parents' Evenings will not take place this term. However, we are looking at the possibility of some form of remote system and again will let you know how we do this as soon as possible.

### **Dates for the term**

Next week, we hope to send you a copy of the dates for this term. As you will understand, it will be fairly barren in terms of events due to COVID restrictions. We have planned dates later in the term for Nativities etc, but these are of course dependent on how things pan out in the future. We will be able to have Christmas parties, but the organisation of these will be slightly different to normal.

### **Breakfast Club**

Due to the difficulties of COVID, Oscars are currently not offering breakfast club provision. As a result, we are looking into the possibility of temporarily offering our own breakfast club. We do need to know interest to see if this is viable. Please reply to the email sent yesterday if you are interested.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Mr P Craig  
Headteacher