

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Welcome Back

#### Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families have had an enjoyable and refreshing summer break. As we embark on a new academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and introduce any new pupils and staff who have joined our school community. In order to start the school year in a positive manner, there are a number of key messages that I need to convey to you.

First and foremost, I would like to emphasise the importance of open communication between parents and our school. We believe that a strong partnership with you is vital in ensuring the success and well-being of your child. Should you have any queries or concerns, I encourage you to speak with your child's teachers at the door in the morning or after school. They will be more than happy to assist you and address any questions you may have. If staff are unable to support you, please contact the school office.

To facilitate effective communication, our school has implemented the use of Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an online platform that enables parents and teachers to engage in direct communication, share updates, and celebrate achievements. It offers a convenient way for us to keep you informed about important school events, curriculum updates, and individual progress. We highly recommend that you download the app and connect with your child's class to stay connected and involved. Your child's class teacher will be able to provide you with further details.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress the significance of regular attendance. Last year, our whole school attendance was 94% which was below our target of 96%. Attending school consistently not only helps maintain your child's academic progress but also fosters a sense of routine, discipline, and engagement with their education. In the event that your child is unable to attend school due to illness, we kindly request that you inform the school office as soon as possible. This allows us to keep accurate records and ensure the well-being of all our students.

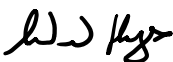
As we begin the academic year, we are excited to introduce two new members to our teaching staff, Mr Stocks (5JS) and Mrs Revell (1/2TR). They bring a wealth of experience, unique skills, and fresh perspectives to our school community. We are confident that their contributions will enhance the learning experience and make a positive impact on your child's education. We are also pleased to say that Miss Pears has returned after her maternity leave to join our school Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Head Teacher.

Over the summer, we have been undertaking essential building work on our school roof. While this work is necessary to maintain the safety and security of our premises, I must stress the importance of ensuring that children do not climb on the scaffolding. This is in place to protect our pupils, and we appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing this message. This scaffolding will remain up until October half term.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued partnership and collaboration in supporting the academic and personal growth of your child. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment that encourages every student to reach their full potential. Together, we can ensure that your child has a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Once again, welcome back to all our returning families and a special warm welcome to our new pupils and staff. We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community and look forward to a year filled with shared learning, growth, and achievement.

Warm regards,



Mr A Hayes  
Headteacher