

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break with your children. We have had a lovely first week. The children have all come back refreshed and ready to learn and have settled with their new teachers. The beginning of a school year holds such promise and the excitement of opportunities to come.

As a result of parental feedback and reflection, there are going to be some new initiatives around engaging you more in the life of the school and your children's learning. The meet the teacher session is on the 18th September from 3.30pm - 4pm/4pm – 4.30 pm. There will be two half hour sessions so that you can attend sessions for siblings. In these sessions the teachers will explain routines, expectations and share information about the curriculum which will then be posted on the internet. There are further curriculum information sessions which are included on the reverse of this letter.

We are also planning to start a Parent Forum. This will be raised at the first meeting of the Governing Body on the 25th September and be launched shortly after. It is intended to contribute to better communication between school, parents and governors. I will send out further information following the Governing Body meeting.

We have also planned more opportunities for you to spend time in your child's class sharing in their learning. Every term you will be invited to either look at the children's work and books or talk about what they are learning, or attend a learning event where the children will share what they have been learning in their topic. The dates for these sessions will follow. You will also be invited to class assemblies which will be on Fridays at 9.00 am. Again dates will follow. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

I wish you all and your family a happy new school year, full of joy and achievement.

Yours faithfully

Margot Buller