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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday, and we are delighted to be able to welcome your children back to school.

We have been very busy over the holidays getting the school ready for the children's return. We know how important it is to have a school that looks good and provides our children with the very best environment to learn.

Therefore, over the summer we have:

- Repainting of the whole of the outside of the school
- New signs have been installed
- Key Stage 2 hall has been redecorated, including the varnishing of the wooden floor and new screen installed
- Decoration of a new staffroom and meeting room

In addition to these, we are planning to complete the following soon:

- New bike shelter
- Old staffroom to be converted into a classroom with accessible toilet facilities
- Cracked windows to be replaced
- New entrance to the Key Stage 2 building

In the long term, we want to renovate all the classrooms and the playground. We will keep you posted on these developments over the coming months, but we hope you will already see that the improvements have been made.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank those staff who left us at the end of the last academic year. Mrs Cockburn, Mrs Dowson, Mrs Hansom, Mrs Robinson have all retired; Mrs Stockdale (now Barry) has decided to leave for personal reasons and Miss Smith has been successful in being appointed into a teaching position at another Trust school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the work they put into our school and wish them well in the future.

As one door closes, another opens, and we would like to welcome the following staff to our team.

- Mrs Lawson – Office Manager
- Mrs Sutton – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Young – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Watson – Teaching Assistant

We are really looking forward to another exciting year at school and as ever, please let us know if there is any way we can help you. We are all here for our children and want them to thrive this year.

Here is a reminder of the key dates for this half term. Please continue to follow Class Dojo and Facebook for further information and to celebrate the children's achievements.

Autumn Term

September 2nd and 3rd September - PD Days

Thursday 4th September - all children return

Tuesday 9th September - Y5 Swimming starts

Monday 22nd September - Democracy Week and visit from the Mayor

Tuesday 30th September – Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd October – National Poetry Day

Monday 6th October – Kindness Workshop (whole school)

Friday 17th October – Robin Hood Pantomime (whole school)

Monday 20th October – Dawali Celebration

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent Coffee Morning (SEND focus) 8.45 - 9.30

Thursday 23rd October – Halloween Disco EYFS and KS1 4.00 - 5:00 and KS2 5:15 –6:15

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term - children finish at 3.15pm

Yours sincerely

Kieran Pavey

Executive Head Teacher

Mark Dipple

Associate Head Teacher