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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! It was lovely to see a lot of you at ‘drop off’ this week and catch up on your news. The children have been a credit to you all this week; they are all looking so smart and happy to be back. It has been a pleasure to welcome the new Reception and Nursery children who have been running into school excitedly.

Attached to my letter are the key dates for this term. I know that the more notice you get of things the better so most of these are confirmed dates.

**‘Get To Know Your Teacher’ Meetings for all parents**

Our first event is the meet your child’s teacher meeting for you all in the first two weeks of term. As well as an introduction to the staff for each class, they will provide you with useful information regarding timetables, homework, reading, curriculum etc. For Y6, this will include information about SATS and the residential. Whilst the meetings are taking place, your child/children will go to a designated classroom to watch a suitable film supervised by school staff. They will all start at 3:40pm and last for approximately 20 minutes. Y6 will be a little longer.

**New Staff Members**

As well as four new teachers, Mrs Purslow (Reception), Miss Davis (Y1), Mrs McKinney (Y3) and Miss Haughton (Year 5), we also have two other new members of our team. Miss Johnson is working as a HLTA based in our Nursery and Miss Moss who is our School Partnership Lead. Miss Moss is developing a Transition Strategy to support the transition for our pupils as they go from Bredbury Green to Werneth School. She will be working mainly in upper Key Stage 2 this year and then will move to Werneth with the children next year. This is an exciting opportunity for us to lead the way and support our children as they move up to a high school setting.

**Lost Property**

We have collected many items that have been left from last term. Any with names have been returned but there is still a considerable amount. On **Friday** we will put the items out on tables at the front of school. Please come and claim any items that belong to your children and then any left I can send to a charity shop, as we have nowhere to store them in school.

**Social Media and Internet Safety**

Teachers are going to discuss this in the meetings with you next week but I feel that this issue needs highlighting to you all. If your child or children have mobile phones or are using the internet regularly, whether it be to watch videos, use apps such as Whats app or do homework please ensure that you are monitoring this closely. The minimum age to open an account on nearly every social media platform: TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Kik, YouTube, Snapchat, Facebook, and more is 13 or in some cases older. Despite this requirement, displayed on each of these site’s ‘Terms of Use,’ a study conducted in the U.K. by Ofcom found that nearly 80% of 12-year-olds already have social media accounts. Personally and after speaking to many of our children, I think this is much younger. We are having more issues with this and these platforms are not appropriate for primary aged children. If your children are using these, I strongly suggest that you delete them from devices for their own safety and for the safety of others in our school community.

**Friends of Bredbury Green (PTA)**

Please note the date for the FOBG Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21st September at 6:00pm. Kath Cooper, our Chair is stepping down after two years and we are looking for volunteers to be on the Committee but also to help with events so that these can continue for the children and families of Bredbury Green. I would like to thank Kath for all her hard work, we have held some fantastic events and raised a great deal of money which has been spent on the children. Please come along and hear more about the PTA and help us to plan an exciting calendar for this school year. If you are new to the school it is also a great opportunity to get to know each other – tea/coffee and biscuits are always on offer!

I hope to catch up with more of you in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Helen Moorcroft

Headteacher