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Dear Families,

What a wonderful first day back we have had. It was lovely to see the children dressed so smartly this morning and looking refreshed after the summer break.

I am so proud of how sensibly and maturely the children have returned to school and it has been a real pleasure to hear the buzz of excitement and learning ringing through the corridors.

Our little Acorns have been superstars and settled into their school day so quickly. As soon as their grownups had said their goodbyes, they shared a story and have been busy bees since, demonstrating their medical skills in the doctor's surgery and creating their own worlds in the construction area. Well done on a super first day at big school Acorn Class!

Oak Class had a wonderful morning exploring their new classroom and outdoor area and this afternoon created their own hedgehogs. Super creativity!

Elm Class have transformed into pirates, exploring pirate areas within their classrooms. They even completed pirate blind folded obstacle courses and put their team work skills to the test.

Ash Class have used their amazing detective skills to make predictions about their class book, 'The Last Bear'. They were given the title and had to design a front cover for the book, using artwork to portray their predictions.

Maple Class have also begun to read their class book, 'Feast'. They were all very excited to find that the book was about a little dog.

Elder Class started their day considering self belief. Using the book 'The Dot', they discussed how they can achieve anything if they put their mind to it and believe in themselves.

We have been welcomed back to school by the sunshine, which is a real treat, however has made our day very hot and sticky. Please can I remind all families to provide water bottles, sunhats and sun cream so that we can ensure that the children are safe. Thankfully, we have lots of trees which create shady areas at play and lunch time and the children have enjoyed relaxing under them this afternoon.

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Behaviour Policy

Before the summer break, the children helped to evaluate and update our behaviour policy and suggested ways in which we could celebrate those children who demonstrated our school values of kindness, respect, honesty, equality and love. Their idea was to introduce Golden Time which is a special playtime on a Friday, where the whole school can celebrate together and play new games.

When thinking about celebrating we also had to consider when children do not make good choices. As so many of our children have a passion for football, they decided that they wanted to introduce yellow and red cards, to help them understand when a choice was not appropriate and needed a reminder (yellow card) and when a behaviour was unacceptable (red card). Together they created a list of behaviours that fell into these categories.

When children have demonstrated green behaviours they will be awarded a 'Good to be Green' sticker. If they have gone above and beyond they will receive a gold headteachers sticker, so please look out for these stickers and celebrate them at home.

Our Super Power

During our assemblies, this half term, we will be looking at the super powers of Equality and Love and learning about what they mean and how we show them. The children shared their ideas of what equality means, stating that it is when we treat someone as we wish to be treated and show that we are all the same and should respect each other. This half term adults in school will be looking for those children who demonstrate the powers of equality and love by celebrating what makes them and others unique, being respectful of others beliefs and help others see what makes them special. If your child demonstrates any of these powers at home, please share them so that we can celebrate them too.

New Website

Over the summer holidays we have had our website refurbished and it is nearly ready to launch. We hope that you will find the new format easier to navigate and you will also be able to find updates to our school development plan, policies and class pages, including blogs.

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Building

I am sure you have all heard the worrying stories in the news where school have been forced to close due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). We have been informed that our school is not a cause for concern and therefore we are not at risk. We will keep you updated if any actions are required by school.

Children, I can not wait to see all the wonderful things that you achieve this half term and already know that I will need top order more gold Headteacher stickers!

Yours sincerely,

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