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Dear Parents/Carers

Blink and you miss it! It seems that no sooner are we starting a new school year and then before you know it we have reached the end of the first term already. It has been a busy term so I hope that all families and staff get to enjoy the half term break next week. A reminder that Monday 30th October is a Staff Development Day and so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 31st October.

The end of this term also marks the halfway point of my time at Eastry as Interim Headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their warm welcome and support over the past six months or so. I am thoroughly enjoying being part the school and look forward to the rest of my time here.

I have been very pleased with how all pupils have started off this school year and the learning attitudes and behaviours in classrooms have been excellent. There is lots of learning taking place and importantly the children are enjoying school life. It has been lovely to see our new Fledglings group settle in to school life so well also.

Parents evenings take place during next term, so I am sure that you will all take up the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to hear about how they are developing not just academically but also socially and emotionally.

Morning expectations - Fledglings to be dropped off at the Fledglings gate where they will be greeted by an adult. Year 1 and 2 to be dropped off at the double doors outside Year 1. Year 3 to 6 to be dropped off outside their classroom door or corridor door. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that no parents enter the school building in the mornings. If you have any messages to pass on to your class teacher then please either Dojo message, leave a message with the office or pass on to the staff on the gate. Teachers are available at the end of most days to speak to you.

Communication between school and home is vital and I would like to remind parents that I am available to talk with you should you wish to do so. There have been a few instances of late, where parents have taken to social media to share some issues/concerns that they may have had. I would urge you to please not do this and to actually come and discuss these with us. Negative comments such as these, can be upsetting for staff to read in this way so please consider the impact of these on those that are here every day trying their best for your children.

A highlight of this term for me has been some of the new sports enrichment experiences that Miss Ward has arranged for all pupils. Earlier in the term we had skateboarding, fencing, archery and an inflatable laser quest outside which the children clearly loved. However, it was probably topped this week with the sight of our younger pupils charging around the hall on a variety of movable animals. These are just a few examples of some of the memorable experiences I hope your children will remember from the first term of this school year and we are certainly looking forward to many more to come – especially in the run up to Christmas I am sure.

Have a great break.

Neil Garvey
Interim Headteacher

