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“Every child deserves to be the best they can be”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge warm welcome back to the start of another exciting new school year; I hope you had an amazing summer and are looking forward to the new school year. We hope this is going to be a more settled one.

It was so lovely welcoming all of the children back, who were all so eager to get to know their new teachers and make new friends. They have all settled brilliantly, remembering how to walk ‘the Grove way’, and showing us their super attitudes to learning. I am especially proud of our new Year 3 children, who have come to a much bigger school. They are finding their way around very well, and hopefully have all seen that there was nothing to worry about!

It was lovely to see the children walking into school on the first day, eager to see their new teachers and friends. They all looked very smart in their school uniform! I appreciate this is a difficult time for your child as they are settling into their new classes, but I thank you for helping your child to take a positive attitude towards making new friends and embracing challenges. I am very proud of all of them!

As I visited the classes to welcome the children back, they had such a lot of exciting tales to tell me about their holidays, which was lovely to hear; and also to show me how smart they looked in their new uniforms. They were all very busy with their learning, showing such amazing MAGIC behaviours already. Well done all!

I would like to say a ‘huge’ congratulations to Miss Bentley in Year 6 who got married over the summer holidays and is now known as Mrs Potts. I am sure you will join with me to wish her every happiness for the future.

Miss Fryer left us at the end of the second week back, to have a well-deserved rest before she welcomes her new baby. I’m sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for this special time.

As always, the teachers have a MAGICal term planned for the children! Some of the events for the children to look forward to include, ‘It’s good to be me’ celebration day, democracy week and the Harvest Festival. This year we are very excited to have a new fundraising event – our ‘Spooky Ball’ – we can’t wait! Look out for more information on this. We also have a couple of other firsts at Grove this term – our Year 3 have started their weekly ensemble drumming lessons with Luke Twyford (Mrs. Twyford’s son, for any past Northwood parents). They are absolutely loving these sessions, although I’m not sure I can say the same about the office staff, who are very close to where these are taking place! Hal Walker from City Music Service is also working alongside Years 4, 5 and 6. He is currently working with Year 6 delivering percussion as part of the music curriculum. You will also now have been notified that just before Christmas we have organised our first ever whole-school trip to the theatre to see *Beauty and the Beast*. This will be a truly magical experience for children. In order to ensure that all children can attend, we have decided to use our school fundraising to raise the money for the transport to this event, to keep the cost down. The coaches will cost us £2000, so we really will need lots of support with fundraising! We also cannot afford to run this event at a loss, therefore we may need to cancel the event if not all families pay for their tickets. We are asking for £2.70 to be paid each week, so please support with this, as I know that this is going to be an experience that your children will remember for the rest of their lives!

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We are excited to be able to recommence our offer of extra-curricular clubs after school once again. We have started with Mr. Hannon's multi-skills, but are looking to broaden our range over the year. We also intend this year to participate in as many sporting events as we can, as we are committed to ensuring that children enjoy physical activity, and we aspire for every child to have a chance during their time at Grove to represent our school. Unfortunately we don't always get much notice of these events taking place, having to organise them at short notice, so please bear with us.

Please ensure you are signed up to Class Dojo to communicate with your child's class teacher, as this is the main form of communication between home and school. Staff check Class Dojo daily and will respond appropriately to messages or queries within 24 hours, but please be mindful that staff are teaching the children, so are unlikely to respond instantly to your message, or during teaching hours. If your message or query is urgent, please contact the school office who will inform the class teacher. If your child is going to be absent from school you must inform the school office per our attendance policy and inform them of the reason for the absence (please don't use Class Dojo for this).

Once again, thank you for your continued support and partnership, in working together to provide the best possible opportunities and education for your children.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Carrigan
Academy Principal

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