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***'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'***

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe it is the end of week 4 of our new school year already! We hope this school year is going to be a more settled one for the children, you as parents and carers and the staff.

I am 'wowed' by how well the children have settled back into school life. They all look very smart in their school uniform with their new shiny shoes and big smiles on their faces. 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 be independent by encouraging them positively to enter school by themselves. I am very proud of all of them!

As I continue to regularly visit the classes the children always have such a lot of exciting tales to tell me about their weekends and how many times they have read at home, which is lovely to hear. They are all always very busy with their learning, showing such amazing MAGIC learning behaviours. Well done all!

I would like to say a 'huge' congratulations to Mrs Coore who had a baby girl over the summer holidays. Both mum and baby are doing well. I am sure you will join in with me to wish her every happiness and to enjoy every minute with her new baby.

As always, the teachers have a MAGICal half 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 in which we have a special visitor planned, democracy week and the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival and Christmas events are going to remain virtual this year as a safety precaution for yourselves, the children and our staff, as we are very conscious that the COVID rates in the local area remain high and we feel it is not safe to bring everyone together into a small confined space. We will be reviewing this in the Spring Term when, hopefully, the rates will have reduced in our local area.

We are excited that our extra-curricular clubs after school have once again recommenced. We have already communicated these with you, however we still do have some spaces available in some clubs, therefore please contact the school office if you are interested in your child attending one of these clubs. They include art, Lego, e-cadets and Port Vale Laser Tag Club for a small charge per week. **Please note that there will be no charge for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium as their funding allocation will cover the cost of the club.**

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 in a timely way during the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, but please be mindful that staff are teaching the children, so may not respond instantly to your message. If your message or query is urgent, please contact the school office who will inform the Class Teacher. Thank you to all of our parents who use Class Dojo in this way. However, a very small minority of our parents have begun to use this platform to vent their frustrations towards the school or staff members, which is completely inappropriate and also unfair for staff to receive outside of working hours.



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We welcome any feedback and the opportunity to respond to your queries or your frustrations, but ask if you would please make an appointment via the school office so we can deal with them in the correct way. 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.

We are continuing to raise money to improve our playground for your children. We have further exciting fundraising activities planned for this year that your child can take part in. We are also introducing our own School Lottery to support our fundraising, so please encourage your friends and family to sign up to it as every ticket sold results in a donation into the school playground fund. We also have a voluntary school fund donation of £1 per week, which you can make through parent pay to support 'wow' activities in the classroom such as visits from the Animal Man, living eggs, live caterpillars and many more.

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,

*Y. Glaister*

Mrs Glaister  
Principal



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