

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you managed to get some rest and have some fun over the summer holiday, while also being glad for your children to start back at school this week. The children have definitely had an excellent first few days back. I'm not sure why, but there seems to be a greater sense of positivity and excitement about the year ahead than usual. Long may it continue.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children next week.

**Meet the Teacher - Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Your children's teachers will have been establishing their new class expectations and routines over the last three days and you will shortly be receiving a letter from them with details for the Meet the Teacher meetings in Week 3 (Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Sept). This is when each year group's parents are invited in to meet their child's new teachers and hear about the plans for the term and the year.

**Year 6 - Secondary Transfer Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Please do try and come to one of the meetings at 3.30pm or 6pm, each meeting should only last about half an hour.

**Place 2 Be**

I am delighted to say that we will be working with Place 2 Be for another year. They play a huge part in the wide range of different ways we help children cope with and work through any problems they might have in school. Please see the attached letter, which explains a bit more about what they offer in school and what you need to do if you would like to find out more about what they offer or opt out of the opportunity.

**Uniform**

I understand that some parents have had difficulty with getting hold of new uniform and we are working hard to resolve the situation. Meantime, please make sure your child's clothes (especially jumpers and coats) are named. We will be in touch in the near future with details of a couple of days when new or nearly new uniform will be available to buy directly in school.

**And finally.....**

Welcome (again) to Ms Marie Hill, our new Pupil Parent Support Worker, and Mr Sam Marr, Miss Phoebe Bailey & Miss Szofia Dadache, our three new teachers in Mango, Pineapple and Papaya Class, respectively and, of course, welcome to our new families starting in Nursery, Reception and across the school.

Very best wishes,

*Mr Edward Dove*

Headteacher