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A school, A Family, A Community

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the first Newsletter of 2019-2020 and we are taking on board your suggestions and thoughts regarding the contents for future letters.

This first letter will contain general update regarding staffing changes, dates for your diary and general housekeeping information for our first term back.

A future Newsletter will come out with specific information as suggested and requested by your representatives at the previous “Parent Voice” events. Please also see the date for our first Parent Voice event of this session. Please come along because this gives you your chance to have your say in how we continue to develop learning and teaching, what new resources we are using and how you can support your child to be the best they can be! Your opinion matters to us!

Firstly, I would like to officially inform you that my name has changed to Ann Marie Wyse following marriage during the summer. The children are much better at remembering it than I am!

### **Staffing Changes – See list attached**

We have had new members of staff join our nursery and school. We would like to welcome them all and look forward to an exciting year ahead sharing with them what makes our school community unique.

### **Water Bottles**

I know you are all aware of the importance of drinking water to remain hydrated and the positive impact it has on our brains. All children in P1-P7 were gifted a new water bottle in the first week if they did not bring one to school and we would encourage you to support your child to carry fresh water in them every day to school. Children who already have a water bottle can still collect a new one from their class teacher or the school office. There are plenty to go around!

### **Healthy Eating**

Our policy of healthy snacks at playtime remains. Fruit, yogurts and cheese are healthy options and we are grateful with your continued support with this.

Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible so please be mindful of the contents. We will support your children to make as healthy a choice as possible here.

### **Allergies**

Some of children have nut allergies. Can I ask that where possible you avoid giving your child nuts for snack incase they unintentionally interact with children who are allergic? Thank you for your support with this request.

## **“Attendance and Lates”**

The most important task for all of us is to educate our children. We can't do that well if children are continually absent or late.

Your child's attendance and time keeping is recorded daily and we will monitor this and support you should it need to improve.

Please be aware that all absences must be explained either by a telephone call or a letter to school on your child's return following an absence.

Primary 1s begin a full day at school on Monday 3 September. The doors will open at 3pm and we would encourage you all to come into the classroom and join in with some fun activities. Children will be dismissed directly to you no earlier than 3.15 pm.

## **Playground development**

We hope your children are talking to you about the exciting new playground equipment.

We have the scooters and track along with loose parts play in the shipping container. We have the adventure trail down on the astro turf and we have our MUGA pitch at the main entrance. The playground has been transformed!

## **Flying Start and Take your Marks**

We have been continuing with our delivery of toast to the classes as part of our nurturing and supporting ethos. However, since we came back after the summer holidays there has not been the same number of children taking the toast. As of Monday, we will be delivering raisins for the children and we will monitor how successful this will be.

We are also piloting the use of an active start for the children through our “Take your Marks” programme. Please ask your child to tell you more about both activities. We value your feedback on this one.

We look forward to another very exciting year working with you all to make Dens Road Primary and Nursery a place where you can be all you can be!

Many thanks for your continued support.

***Mrs Ann Marie Wyse***

Head Teacher