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Dear Parents,

A big warm welcome back to the Autumn term; we all hope that you have had a wonderful summer. School will re-open tomorrow for all children. The staff have been working hard to get the school spic and span and ready for learning again. Huge thanks especially to Marlene for the endless cleaning - the school looks and smells great, and to all the staff who came in during the holidays to get things sorted for the new term. The children will love their new classrooms.

Lots of work is carried out in the holidays to make sure all of the school and kitchen equipment is checked, and the grounds maintained. Huge thanks to Nick Gale for the redevelopment of the Early Years area - it's a great blank canvas for development now.

A few reminders to help get the term off to the best start:

Start and Finishing times of the School Day

The school day starts for all children at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm. At the beginning of the day, the children line up in their classes after the bell has been rung, and at home time, are led out in their classes and dismissed by their teachers. Please remember to let the office know if someone other than parents are picking up your child for safeguarding reasons, thank you.



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Diary Dates for the Year

For our returning children, these were sent out at the end of last term to give you as much notice as possible. For our new parents, please find the list attached.

Our Open Evening is next week and will consist of an introduction to what we are about as a school in the hall and then a chance to meet your child's class teacher, see your child's classroom and hear the expectations for their new year group. We will be sending out a Google form for you to complete to let us know if you are able to come along.

Children's Wellbeing

We are very aware that children's wellbeing generally has been affected by the past few years and the impact that it has had on many of our children coming back into school. To this end, we have made the decision to use some additional funding available to us this year to offer a bespoke emotional well-being service in school through Holding Hearts Therapeutic Services. We will be approaching a number of parents whose children we know would benefit hugely from this support, but if you feel that this is something you would like to know about, or feel that your child would benefit from, please get in touch with either Mrs Brannen or Mrs Campbell. This Emotional Wellbeing Service is aimed at helping children and young people who are experiencing low-level emotional difficulties such as:

- Low confidence/Low Self-esteem
- Emotional Literacy
- Emotional Regulation
- Exam Stress



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- Parental Separation
- Transitions
- Loss
- Friendships/Social Skills

After School Clubs

These are a great way for your children to enjoy additional social activities to support their health and wellbeing too. Please look out for further information and get signed up as soon as possible as places are limited.

Class Newsletters

Class teachers will be sending out the information you need about your children's learning and the weekly organisation, when your children need to wear their PE kits, bring in their homework etc. Please remember that you can email or ring school to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any point of the year if you have any concerns or queries.

Whalton Show - Saturday 17th September

The countdown is on for this year's returning show. Please see Mr Morris if you can help out on the day. A reminder will be sent out separately of the competition 'classes' that your children can enter into. Any offers of prizes will be gladly received by the PTA or school - thank you!



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Second-hand Uniform

The school will be holding a second hand table top uniform sale, as part of our open evening. Please come along should you wish to have a look or purchase any items. Or alternatively, if you would like to contribute, please send in any unwanted uniform to the school office.

Looking forward...

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school and look forward to working with you all again this term so that your children can continue, or start, their educational journey with us to be 'the very best that they can be'.

Kind wishes,

Mrs Brannen
Executive Head Teacher



