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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a relaxing week and the children are ready to start the second half of the Autumn Term. As well as learning in class, there are lots of exciting activities planned for the children in the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for MarvellousMe. We are delighted to have 81% of parents who are engaging with the scheme and I hope that you enjoy hearing about what the children are learning in school. If you would like to sign up but have forgotten your code, please speak to a member of the Office Team who will print out another letter for you.

Every year there is a National Anti-bullying Week which aims to raise awareness of this issue. The theme this year is celebrating individuality; knowing and respecting that we are all different and unique but we are all equal. To help children to understand, appreciate and celebrate individuality, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November the children may wear something different, e.g. odd socks or a different jumper. Please note that this is **not** a non-uniform day and the children should wear just something that is different to promote an understanding of "All Different, All Equal".

We have introduced a new Inclusion Team in school, to support children with additional needs. Mrs Kingston is our Inclusion Manager who will co-ordinate the provision; she will continue to see a number of children as well as working with families. Miss Holmes is our new School SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and will work alongside Mrs Henley in her role of Teacher in Charge of Specialist Provision for Speech, Language and Communication difficulties to provide appropriate support for the children and their families. In addition, Mrs Clough and Mrs Shepherd are currently providing targeted interventions for some children and Mrs Dobson and Mrs McCann are focusing on promoting the social and emotional development of the children. In addition, targeted group work will take place in classes across the school.

Please note that if you have any concerns or questions about your children's learning or social and emotional needs, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

There are a significant number of children who are consistently arriving late in the mornings. Not only is it unsettling for the children themselves it does disrupt the start of school for the whole class. The doors open at 8.40am (no children should be left unsupervised before then) and all the children should arrive by 8.50am when the doors are closed.

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If for any reason your child is late they should be brought to the main Entrance where the Office Staff will sign them in and ensure they go directly to their classrooms. Parents should not take the children to the classrooms. Parents should also leave by the classroom exits and not walk through school. This is to ensure the effective safeguarding of our children.

Wherever possible and in order to develop the children's independence and organisation skills, it is expected that the children (except Sycamore and Rowan classes) should enter school on their own and say goodbye to their parents at the school door. This encourages a smooth and prompt start to the morning. Obviously, if a parent needs to see a member of staff urgently in the morning they are welcome to do so.

Unfortunately there have been reports of parents using inappropriate language in the school playground whilst waiting for and delivering their children to school. This must not happen in any circumstances. Please refer to the Parent and Carers Code of Conduct on the school website. It is extremely important that as adults we set the highest example for our children. They easily pick up on inappropriate words and in some cases use them on the playground. This is not acceptable and I would appreciate your support in this matter as well as requesting that the children only play with age appropriate games on tables, x-boxes etc as so much poor behaviour seems to stem from this.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher