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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to school after the summer break. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and feel relaxed and ready for the term ahead. It is so lovely to see the children again, they all look very smart in their new uniforms.

Our new staff are settling in well and the children are really enthusiastic about their new teachers. We welcome our new teachers:



Miss Whyley (Year 5)
Miss Sainsbury (Year 3)
Miss Card (Year 3)
Miss Jenkins (Year 2)
Miss Mundy (Year 1)
Mrs Cox (Year 1)
Mrs Moore (Year 1 and Year 2 PPA cover)
Mrs Sivyer (Year 6 and Year 3 Management Release).

We also welcome our new Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Arnold (FS2)
Mrs Gurung (Year 3)
Mrs Kinge (Year 6)
Mrs Jenna (Nurture Centre)

Mrs Connolly has also started with us in the office and I am sure you will be seeing lots of her in the coming months.



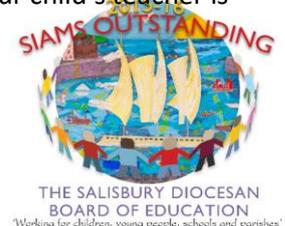
We are all very excited about the new year ahead and the children are already embracing the new systems that have been introduced. I have had many positive comments from both children and parents about the new behaviour system (Good to be Green) and the new house points system. The children are loving collecting their tokens and are very excited to see who moves up the Snakes and Ladders board first. We have also introduced Building Learning

Power (BLP), which the children have been immersed in this week. We will hold some information evenings for you in the coming term to share these new systems with you. I am sure the children will share what they have been doing with you but, this term, in BLP we are focussing on RESPECT. Each term we will focus on a different 'R' to help the children to become lifelong learners.



Reading Record & Home/School Contact Books

Next week (if they haven't done so already) each child will be bringing home two books. One is their reading record book, where you can record how the children have read at home. The other is a Home/School contact book. You will have the opportunity to write non-urgent messages in this book so that your child's teacher is



aware of things like who is picking your child up (if it is someone different), if your child is poorly or hasn't slept well, minor injuries etc. Your child's teacher or TA will read these daily and respond where necessary. Hopefully this will ensure good communication between home and school and also ease the pressure in the office so that parents are not having to queue to leave messages to be delivered to the class later.



Over this coming weekend I will be sending out the planning for your child's class. You should receive a timetable, a topic web, and a letter to explain what the children will be learning this term. I hope you find this useful.



We have many dates already booked in for the year and I will send these out next week. Hopefully you will then know what is coming well in advance, should you need to book time off work. We are finding Golden Assembly on a Friday a bit of a crush so we are looking at other ways to share your child's successes with you. We will be in touch when we have finalised plans.



Mrs Burgess will be in touch with a questionnaire via Survey Monkey soon, as she wants your help to finalise our school values. The School Council came up with their values and we would now welcome your input.



And finally.....



Thank you to everyone who has taken on board all the changes mentioned in my end of year letter in July. We are all looking forward to an extremely positive and productive year and welcome your support in working with us to make our school a great place to be. Look out for the letters coming out to invite you to our many planned events and information evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Terry Hall
Headteacher

