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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for your patience and support during our first week back at school, especially with the new staggered drop off and pick up times. It has been hugely successful and the vast majority of children have come into school happy with a smile on their face! Our new Reception children enjoyed a morning visit to the Reception classroom and play area. I was very proud of these children as they walked confidently into school for the very first time. It has been so lovely to see all children engaged in their learning and playing happily and safely in their social bubbles.

Social distancing

Thank you to all our parents and carers for following the guidelines when waiting outside the school gates and following the one way system around school. It is really important that everyone remembers to stay 2m apart when queuing along The Causeway and not gather in groups to block access for other pedestrians using the pavements. Likewise when you exit the playground, please do not block the footpath on Paddock Road which leads up to the new estate.

Half termly value

Our value for this half term is 'Koinonia' or 'Community'. This Christian Value comes from a Greek word '**Koinonia**' which means 'that which is in common'. Other translations might include 'union' and 'partnership'. So, in our school and classrooms, we will be working together to make things easier so we can achieve great results!

Learning

The children will be spending lots of time together in their social bubbles; having fun learning, playing games and sharing experiences. This half term there will be plenty of opportunities in Forest School and through our Recovery Curriculum for children to enrich their learning and promote belonging and creativity. We will be thinking about





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how we can build a new community in our new classes and social bubbles through a whole school art project and how we can involve the wider community in our harvest charity fundraiser and prayer book!

Class teachers will be adding the termly information leaflet on to the website and instead of year group meetings to share this information, they will make a short video for parents to access and this will also be available on the website. A link for this will be sent out next week.

School lunches

Mrs Game has been very busy this week making up our school packed lunch options. Lots of children have tried and enjoyed these and so we will continue to offer a hot and cold option for the children. The menu will stay the same next week and will be available on the website.

Remember

If your child has a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change to or loss of taste and/or smell then please keep them at home and book a test as soon as possible and let school know.

As we move into Autumn and the weather becomes unpredictable, please ensure your child always has a coat with them.

I wish you a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher