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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some quality family time with your children. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families as well as a warm 'welcome back' to all the existing families in our school community. We are looking forward to the year ahead and hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days in their new class.

New Starters

As well as the new children who have joined us in Reception and throughout the school, we are also pleased to welcome new members of staff. Miss Anna Dobbie will be working in Y4/5 as the class teacher alongside Mrs Collier and we also welcome Mrs Kenworthy, Mrs Cadden, Mrs Corry and Miss Jacques to our TA team.

Open Classrooms

Next Friday (12th September) we will hold our 'Open Classroom' event. At 3pm, parents are welcome to come into school and visit their child's classroom. This can be a useful opportunity to meet their new teacher and ask any questions you might have. I am sure the children will enjoy showing you where they sit and sharing their work with you!

Key Dates

One piece of feedback received via the parent survey was that families would like to receive notice of key dates in the school year, as early as possible. Therefore, next week we will send a document home that lists all confirmed dates and activities for the autumn term. This will include details of our Harvest Festival and even the Christmas Performances! We hope parents find the advance notice useful as we appreciate this gives you time plan and prepare.

Class Assemblies

This year, we are introducing Class Assemblies. Each class will prepare and perform an assembly for parents and family members over the year. Dates of the ones scheduled for the autumn term will be included in the Key Date document. We do hope you can join us as I know the children will be excited to share their learning with you.

Updated Term Dates

As you are aware, Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust (the Trust to which the school belongs) is proposing a merger with another Trust - The Four Stones. As part of the merger, there is a planned PD Day for all Trust schools on the 26th June. This is a change to the dates previously published and this date has now been added to the term dates that are on the school website.

Dojo and Arbor

Our main form of communication with parents will be through Class Dojo and Arbor. We use Class Dojo for 'informal' communication - this includes sharing photographs of school activities and for keeping parents updated with school events. We also use Dojo for our school reward system. Dojo Points are awarded for pupils who show our school values. These are **Being: Hardworking, Responsible, Respectful, Kind, Courageous and Honest**. PLEASE NOTE that parents do NOT need to pay for Dojo. All the features that we use as a school are free. However, Dojo do sell 'add-ons' to parents but please rest assured these are not needed for anything linked to school use.

Arbor should be used by parents to send messages to the school office - all messages about absence should go to the office (and not the class teacher). I would also ask parents to ensure that we have the relevant permissions, contact details and medical information about your child recorded on Arbor. The start of the school year is a good time to login and check that your child's information is up to date. Please be aware that all children should have at least two people named as an emergency contact.

We are looking forward to the year ahead. Please remember that my door is always open. If you have any concerns or worries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Have a good weekend

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Desborough

Headteacher