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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful break and made the most of the summer weather in all its glory.

### Staffing

We would like to welcome a new member of staff to our team this September. Mrs Brunger will be working as a teaching assistant across the school and supporting children with their learning.

### E-safety Meeting

Our school has an established safeguarding ethos at the heart of everything we do. As part of our commitment to safeguarding children we are running an e-safety workshop for parents at school at 2:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Everybody is welcome to attend. The session will be delivered by a member of the Schools Safeguarding ICT team, John Devlin, who will discuss current issues with technology safety and how to help and support your child at home.

### Responding to feedback

As always your feedback as parents is extremely important to us. Following feedback via Parentmail questionnaire at the end of last academic year we have the following results:

100% of parents who responded, agreed or strongly agreed that:

My child is happy at school.

My child feels safe at this school.

My child makes good progress at this school.

My child is well looked after at this school.

My child is taught well at this school.

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

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This school is well led and managed.  
This school responds well to any concerns I may raise.  
Would recommend the school to another parent.

96% agreed or strongly agreed that:  
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.  
This school deals effectively with bullying.  
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.

As a result, in our continued drive to be the best that we can be we will:

- be introducing a structured weekly maths homework, in line with the literacy homework.
- our school council be working on anti-bullying accreditation and raising awareness and prevention strategies with others.
- children's progress reports will be issued to parents each term alongside termly parent consultations, sharing learning sessions and informal opportunities to drop in to see the class teacher.

### Homework

As a school we value the contribution parents make in supporting their child at home with their learning. We believe fostering a healthy approach to working at home and at school is essential to developing a good work ethic. Therefore children in year 1 to year 6 will receive grammar homework on a Monday and mental maths homework on a Wednesday using the Schofield & Sims workbooks. Reading should take place at home each evening. Reception children will receive phonics homework each Friday as well as daily reading. Children in Years 5 & 6 will receive additional homework to prepare them for high school. If you have any queries regarding homework please see your child's class teacher.

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### Home time arrangements

If your child has any change to their home time arrangements or pick up, particularly if your child is changing their bus routine, please could you inform the school office at your earliest convenience. We cannot accept a child informing a member of staff, it must be the parent. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication such as an inhaler, school medical forms need to be completed before school staff can administer them. These are available on request from the school office. Please be aware that these need to be renewed at the start of each school year.

### Wellington Boots

Please can all children including those in Reception ensure they have a pair of wellington boots in school for outdoor learning, that remain in school during term time. Thank you.

### Year 5 & 6

May I also remind parents of children in Year 5 & 6 that they are allowed to walk home alone with a signed permission form. If you require one of these forms, please see the school office.

Please be aware that a Year 6 meeting for parents regarding end of Year 6 SATS will be scheduled for September. Look out for the date coming soon.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

### Dates For Diary

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept - half days for reception 8:45am-12:30pm.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Bikeability cycle training for Y5 & 6

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September - 2:30pm E-safety meeting for parents at school.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Home School Association AGM 8pm at Nelsons. Everyone welcome.  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Individual photos.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Whole School trip to Alnwick Castle  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parent consultations.  
Regards,

Louise Fletcher  
Headteacher

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