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Dear Parents or carers,

Welcome back to an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term.

As a school, we are going to be having a real focus on improving children's attitudes towards learning this year, promoting the message that 'hard work brings reward'. We hope you will support us by encouraging your child to try their best and put in a high level of effort consistently into their work - both in school and at home.

With this in mind, please try to emphasise the importance of home learning to your child. Homework will be issued on a Thursday every week and needs to be completed by the following Tuesday. Each week, there will be an alternate English or Maths task which needs completing in homework books. Please be aware that Spelling Shed is available for optional spelling practise and TT Rock Stars is also available to help children with their times tables at home. The children are fully aware of how to access these. In addition to this, the children are required to read at least three times a week at home; children on a book band should read aloud to an adult and children who are free readers, can choose to either read aloud to an adult or make chapter notes if reading independently, reading at least a chapter per reading session. Each time your child reads, please can it be signed by an adult and this will be checked every Monday. If they have read three times at home, they will receive a raffle ticket and at the end of each half term, a name will be pulled out the draw and this lucky child will receive a free book of their choice.

As always, we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times so please can we remind you that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school, apart from small, stud earrings. They are no longer allowed to wear earrings or watches for PE lessons so these will need removing before each session. All Year 6 will have PE lessons on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for PE. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts which should be appropriate length and not too tight; for Games a warm top and/or jogging bottoms (to be worn over the PE kit) and trainers. We will no longer lend children PE clothing and will contact you if your child is not prepared for these sessions. Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner!

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Toast is available at morning break - 20p a slice. Your child is encouraged to bring **water** in a named, **clear** drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day. Water bottles are available from both offices - £1.00 each. It is important that children do not request to go to the toilet during lesson times (unless they have a medical need). In this way, please remind your child that breaktime and lunchtimes are the time to visit the toilet.

Thank you for your support. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to welcoming you into school for our Inspire Workshops and Good Work assemblies throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Maxwell and Mr Myers

