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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer break. We have had a very successful first few days with the children settling well to their new classes and routines.

#### Diary Dates

I have attached the initial diary dates for the year for you. As always, extra events or trips will be added and we will give as much notice as possible for these. In addition, future newsletters will have diary dates for that term printed on the reverse of the letter with any new additional dates being added in bold.

#### Forest School and PE

By now you should be aware of your child's Forest School and PE days. To help us continue our good start to the year, please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school on those days.

#### Jewellery and Make-Up

I would like to remind everyone that we have a no jewellery, no make-up and no nail polish policy. The exception being that a wrist watch may be worn. Earrings can not be worn in school and should be removed. Clear plastic holding studs may be worn to keep a newly pierced hole open until such time as they are no longer required. Taping up earrings doesn't provide sufficient protection and the tape can easily come off. From next week, you may receive a phone call to come and remove your child's earrings if they can not remove earrings themselves.

#### New Phonics and Reading Schemes

In order to support how your child learns to read, (particularly in early years and Key Stage 1) I have invested in a new phonics scheme and a reading scheme to compliment it. In the changeover to this scheme throughout September, there may be some small disruption or changes to your child's reading books which they bring home.

Mrs Dodds, as literacy leader, will run several information sessions for parents/carers on the new phonics and reading scheme (some of which is online) over the next few weeks. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dodds for further information on the new scheme if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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**Headteacher**