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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our lovely school as we begin this exciting new academic year together. We are delighted to see the school once again full of energy and enthusiasm, and especially pleased with how well our new EYFS children have settled into their Conkers and Acorns classes. They have made a wonderful start and are already becoming valued members of our school community, as are you as their first educators! We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to our PTA for the beautiful welcome gifts, which will surely be treasured for years to come. It's equally lovely to welcome new pupils who have joined us across other year groups—your children bring fresh smiles and stories, and we're so pleased to have them with us. Please do continue to share with friends and family that we still have a few places available—our community is our best voice for welcoming even more wonderful families to our school.

We are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our team this term. Mr Thomas, Mr Hughes, Mrs Harvey, Miss Harris, and Mrs Aikman have already begun settling into their classes and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children better. Mrs Hale has also joined us as a teaching assistant and is already proving to be a valuable addition to the team. A reminder to all families that our Curriculum Meetings will take place next Wednesday from 15.40 until 16.15 for each year group, with the exception of EYFS. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and hear more about the curriculum, expectations and the exciting year ahead.

We're also very pleased to share that Year 4 has already started Forest School this term—an enriching outdoor learning experience made possible thanks to the generous support of our PTA. Please ensure your child comes to school with waterproof clothing and wellies on Forest School days, especially as we enter the cooler months! In addition, we're happy to announce that we've made further improvements to our Quiet Garden over the summer. This space has been carefully developed to provide a peaceful, reflective area for all children to enjoy. We also had our new sound system instated over the Summer which will ensure pure sounds and clarity to all and, again thanks to our PTA, we have been able to purchase an array of microphones to compliment the system, allowing all children to be heard in performances and presentations going forward. Mrs Anderson-Whiley has also moved into a new office in order that her room can be transformed into a new space for all children to go where they can decompress and have some reflection time where need be.



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We are in the process of updating areas of our website to ensure that you are kept abreast of all our developments and events as we move through the year. We will be updating all the policies and curriculum areas to give you as much information as we can to share what your child will be learning in the weeks ahead.

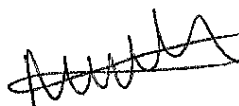
Our first communications will be sent home today on Seesaw in the form of a termly overview which will give you information of what your child will be learning in each subject in this coming term. This will also be the platform used for all home learning so please ensure that you check this space regularly.

I am so ready for our year ahead together to ensure your child/ren are eager and excited to come into school and learn and look forward to working closely with you all to make our school community the warmest and most inviting place it can be.

Congratulations to the below children who have received the **Values Awards this week:**

Acorns	n/a	
Conkers	n/a	
1 Lime	Honey	Creativity
1 Oak	Ivy	Kindness
2 Ash	Fern	Kindness
2 Maple	Sadie	Effort
3 Elm	Rafferty	Integrity
3 Holly	Rex	Kindness
4 Horse Chestnut	Dulcie	Effort
4 Cherry	Alice	Effort
5 Hazel	Ariah	Respectful
5 Poplar	Roy	Responsibility
6 Beech	Alessa	Responsibility
6 Willow	Lexie	Responsibility

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Williams
Headteacher