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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our children and families for the start of a new exciting school year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. I have enjoyed speaking to many children and hearing about all the exciting things they have done over their break.

I would like to start this letter by reflecting on how much of a success the last academic year was. I'd like to share with you some of the achievements which reflect the hard work from all of our staff and children:

- 75% of children in our Reception year group achieved their Good level of development, this is slightly above other schools nationally.
- 86% percent of children in Year 1 passed their phonics check, which is the second year in a row we have been above other schools nationally.
- In Year 2, our children have shown improvements in both reading and writing in their end of key stage outcomes.
- Our end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) outcomes achieved some phenomenal results in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths. Achieving well above other schools nationally. The percentage of children passing Reading, Writing and Maths was 84% which is well above the national average of 65% - a huge achievement!

As Head of School, I am immensely proud of all of our children and the proud learning attitudes they display in each lesson. I am sure that this will continue as we move into the new academic year!

Here is how you can help your child continue to succeed in school:

- Ensure they arrive at school for 8:50am ready to line up in the playground with the rest of their class.
- Listen to them read as much as possible. This could be a comic book, newspaper or their favourite author. I'd encourage all of you to ensure the text is age appropriate and not too easy to read, so that it helps to develop your child's vocabulary.
- That the children come to school in the correct uniform, ties on and shirts tucked in. If you are unsure on what the school uniform policy is, please check our school website. Children know we have the highest expectation on our uniform.
- That children come to school on a Monday with their correct PE kit, and take it home on a Friday to be washed ready for the following week.
- Ensure children complete any given homework. If you need any further support with this please speak to your child's class teacher as they will be more than happy to support you.

As we start the new school year, I am already filled with excitement of what is to come and I am sure that we will continue to work hard, enjoy school and remain successful.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr J Parkinson