



15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start by congratulating all of your children for settling into school so well and adapting to their daily school routines. It has been wonderful to watch this happen so quickly.

### **Reception Baseline Assessment**

Over the next few weeks, your child will be completing the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment. The Baseline is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with myself, Miss Summerfield, or with Mrs Swan and will measure your child's progress from when they start in Reception through to Year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with parents, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level.

We look forward to being able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and assessing if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches Year 6, the Baseline Assessments will enable you to be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their Primary School journey. If you wish to read further on the Reception Baseline, please find attached the parent booklet.

### **Other Notices**

We will be starting PE on **Wednesday 20th September**. If your child has not already done so, please ensure that they have brought in their PE kit which will remain in school until October half term.

Your child will also be taking home their first wordless picture book next week. Please find attached an overview of how you can support and guide your child when reading with them at home. They will additionally be taking home a reading record book to log any reading they complete at home. Please ensure that your child brings both their reading book and their reading record book to school every day in their bookbag.

Finally, next week your child will be meeting their Year 5 Buddy who will look after and support them during their time in school. The children are very excited to find out who this will be and I am sure they will be thrilled to tell you all about it.

Thank you very much for your support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Miss Summerfield

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