



7 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year and I hope you have all had a wonderful summer with your families. This week we welcome several new families to our Riston family and I'm sure that you will give them a warm welcome into our community.

The children will be studying some fantastic themes this term. Teachers will share an overview of planning for your child's theme and I'm sure you will enjoy exploring and discussing their learning together throughout the term. Our exciting themes are:

- EYFS - All About Me
- Year 1 and Year 2 - London's Burning
- Year 3 and Year 4 - Ruthless Romans
- Year 5 and Year 6 - What would you fight for?

Our Christian Value this half-term is 'Generosity' and children will explore this through Collective Worship and within their classes. We will celebrate harvest on Thursday 14th October at 14.30pm at St Margaret's Church. School choir will be starting on Monday 13th September at 12.30pm with Mrs Marsden for all children in Key Stage Two.

The children all look very smart in their school uniforms today (royal blue jumper, white polo, grey skirt or trousers and black school shoes) and I'm sure when P.E. starts on Wednesday and Friday, the children will all be wearing their school P.E. kit (royal blue t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers). 'zoodies' may be worn for P.E. and school house events, but please wear a royal blue jumper and white polo for the normal school day uniform. Please use our 'grown out, not worn out' rail if you require extra uniform, this not only helps our purses but our environment too! Also please leave any donations for this or our local food bank in our school reception, your generosity is much appreciated.

All classes will now be greeted and dismissed from their class doors and we will be keeping our one-way system in place to facilitate movement through the school site at busy times. The class doors will open at 8.55am and children will begin lessons at 9am promptly. To support our younger families in using our one-way system the Robins will open the class doors at 9am, however if you have an older sibling, please do knock on the class door and the staff team will be ready to welcome your child into the classroom from 8.55am.

Although we will be returning to normal school routines as far as possible, I want to share with you the key measures we will be keeping in place to keep our school community safe this Autumn. We will be following the government guidance and ensuring:

- regular hand washing
- ventilation in classrooms at all times
- regular testing of staff
- children who display symptoms will be advised to take a PCR test
- enhanced cleaning of touch point areas will continue

We will continue to follow advice and guidance from the DfE and thank you for your support in advance with this. Should you have any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been fantastic to talk to all the children today about their summer adventures and I hope that this year will be filled with successful learning experiences for each of them. As always, if you have any concerns or questions do contact either your child's class teacher, Mrs Rodgers (School Business Partner), Mrs Buttifant (Senior Teacher) or myself.

Yours faithfully,



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