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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome as we begin a new school year. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer, helped along by the wonderful weather we were fortunate to experience.

Before we start, I would like to say a heartfelt **thank you** for all the kind words, cards and generous gifts that were given to our staff team at the end of the summer term. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by the whole team and was a lovely way to end the year.

Our staff have returned refreshed, enthusiastic and excited for the year ahead. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned and cannot wait to see the children back in school, ready to learn and flourish. We would also like to welcome Miss Cross and Mrs James who join our staff team, they will be supporting our children across school and I am sure they will enjoy being part of our school community.

We are pleased to welcome new families and children to our school community. We hope you quickly feel at home and look forward to working together throughout the year.

School Lunches - To support Anita in the kitchen, we ask that **school lunches are ordered on ParentPay at least one week in advance wherever possible**. This will help ensure accurate ordering and reduce last-minute changes. With the move across to Yorkshire Kitchen, packed lunches will also need to be booked on ParentPay.

Forest School - We are delighted that **Forest School sessions will begin again this week**. Further information about sessions and any equipment required will be shared separately in your class curriculum letters.

Collective Worship - Our collective worship this term is Thankfulness. We will be encouraging the children to recognise and appreciate the many blessings in their daily lives, both big and small, and to express gratitude within our school community. As the Bible reminds us, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."* (Psalm 107:1). We will also be reflecting on the idea that gratitude can transform how we see the world, echoing the well-known thought that *"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."*

Year 5 and 6 parents/carers – If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home/meet you at an agreed place then please complete the consent on the Arbor Parent Portal. We will not allow any child to walk home unaccompanied until this has been completed..

Key Information - Key dates for the term and our current newsletters will be shared over the coming days, so please keep an eye on your emails and communications from school.

We are very much looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities, personal growth and memorable experiences for all our children.

As always, if you have any questions or require support, please contact Mrs Hall via the admin address or alternatively you can catch me on the playground.

Forest after school club - Kirsty and Ruth will be running a forest skills course for six weeks each Friday this half term beginning on Friday 11th September, with sessions running from 3:15 - 4:30pm. These sessions are aimed at children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 who would like to develop their bushcraft and forest skills beyond their sessions in school.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis and can be booked through the following link and using the password RUKI3456

https://bookaby.me/ruki-in-the-forest/whats-on#venue=daf6944d

The cost of the six week block is £33, payable when booking.



Emma Miller

Executive Headteacher