St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first week back in school. I hope that you have seen how beautifully set up each classroom has been ready to welcome the children back. As always, the children have shown their appreciation and enthusiasm for our school and have been working and playing happily. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces on Monday morning. The children have settled into their new classes well and some new friendships are already being forged, which is lovely to see.

Our new Reception children have settled really well and have shown great confidence and readiness for school. There has been some fantastic exploration and learning taking place and the children have been taking part in their early maths, reading and writing lessons with huge enthusiasm.

I hope that you received my welcome back letter at the start of this week. I tried to give you as many dates as possible to help you with your own arrangements for events taking place this term. Next week, we start the term with our 'Meet The Teacher' sessions. Please try to come along, if you can, as teachers will be going through the routines, events, home learning and assessments for each class. These really are useful sessions. Even if you have been a part of the school for a while, I am sure that there will be new things mentioned.

You will also have received the Curriculum Maps for your child's class. These are shared with you each half term and give an overview of the area of the curriculum being taught in each subject during that half term. Parents have always told us how useful these are to support learning at home and to be able to ask their children questions about their schoolwork.

Finally, I hope that you saw our very exciting sports news... we received the **PLATINUM** School Games Mark! We are so grateful to Miss Grabham for all of her hard work and fantastically creative ideas to give the children such a varied and exciting PE provision. To be recognised at this level, you must fulfil a variety of criteria to demonstrate your dedication to physical activity and school sport over a five-year period. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated, talented and hard-working team and Miss Grabham deserves all of the plaudits for this amazing achievement.

It was a pleasure to see how many of our older children volunteered to take on positions of responsibility to help with organising and leading events. In today's worship I awarded Play Leaders, School Council representatives, Librarians, Well-being Ambassadors, Eco Club members and our new area of responsibility, IT Team, their badges and I look forward to seeing them wear them with pride from next week.

Best wishes and have a great weekend,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value this half term is:
Friendship

Autumn 1 Clubs –

Monday – Singing Club (Years 1-6) Mrs Butler

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)

Thursday – Football Skills Club (Y2 – Y6) Mr Evans

Thursday – Art Club (Y2-6) Mrs Morgan

After school childcare is also available Monday – Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:

A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen."

Attendance – last week

Whole School –



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6