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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school to our children, family and school community. Staff returned to school yesterday and it was a tough alarm call for me after weeks of relaxing and eating chocolate. I hope you and your families had a lovely time and managed to see the people that matter.

Yesterday, staff were busy with first aid training and preparation for the term ahead. Each class will now read and complete some work on the Christmas book which each child received. Keep in touch with all school events with Twitter, Facebook, Marvellous Me and Seesaw, with each platform offering something different.

As you will be very aware, Covid infections are high across the country and in our area. In school, we are continuing with our common sense approach with regards to Covid to minimise any further disruptions. Staff wear masks in communal areas; staff test twice weekly and we are not having assemblies to minimise the spread of infections. If your child does have any symptoms, please get them tested and follow government guidelines. If an adult in the household tests positive, then children can still attend school although we would urge parents to get children tested.

In terms of learning, we encourage parents to read each night with their child (regardless of age) and complete homework and practise spellings/times tables. Five or ten minutes of reading per night can make a remarkable difference to a child's ability and confidence with reading helping every subject. If homework is too hard or causing stress, please discuss it with the class teacher. Homework should be a task that children can complete independently and if it is too difficult then staff need to know. The last thing staff want is homework causing you or a child extra stress. At the same time, good homework and study routines are important and really support learning at school.

Thank you for all your help and support with the children and their learning.

Best wishes and good health for 2022!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R Birtwhistle".

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Head Teacher.



'Staff and Governors are committed to keeping children safe'.