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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers to a new academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer period and that the children are ready to come back to school. Over the summer, lots of building work has been occurring around school. As you can see, we have our brand new two-year-old provision, which has been a key priority of school and the trust for a while now. This will allow us to support families and the community at an earlier age and support the transition to Nursery. Also, in the building, new electrical works mean that we have the latest LED lights in each class which will help the children with their learning. Excitingly, the Nursery and Reception outdoor area has been redeveloped so that our children have the very best resources to support their development. We will post some pictures on Twitter and Facebook.

Finish Times

In line with new government guidance, finishing times are slightly later to give children their full entitlement of hours for learning per week. This means that children are collected at 3:10 or 3:15 depending on their age. The school gates will remain closed until near this time. On a morning, the routines are exactly the same with gates opening at 8:45am. We would strongly encourage children to arrive around 8:45am because by 9 o'clock they are missing vital learning time.

Parents and Carers

Last year, particularly towards the summer term, we enjoyed having parents and carers into school for assemblies, learning in class, sports days and performances. We are keen to extend that this year so that you can see all the good work that your children do on a daily basis. We really value the massive input you all make to your child's development.

If you have an issue with something, I am on the playground each day as is Mr Dixon (our Parent Support Advisor). **But, I would advise talking first to class teachers and teaching assistants because they know more of the day to day business of learning and the class.** If a matter is still not resolved after speaking to a teacher, then team leaders are available to speak to as the next point of call.



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Key Contacts

Mr Davies – Deputy Head and KS2 Team Leader

Mr Mansell – Assistant Head and KS1 Team Leader

Mrs Ball- Early Years Team Leader

Miss Begley – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs Neal and Mrs Peace – Administration/School Business Team

Library

In July school found out that we had been successful with two funding bids. One was for over £4000 to buy new books for our school library. The other was funding for £1000 from Tesco after we saved up our blue tokens. As ever, this all goes back into buying new things for our children.

Prince Regent Trust

Our school is part of the Prince Regent Trust alongside Hartburn and Wolviston Primary Schools. We are a Primary only Trust and feel this represents the best needs of our children. This year, hopefully, other schools will join the trust to make the team stronger.

Explore, Dream, Discover

‘Explore, Dream Discover’ is our school motto as voted for by parents a few years ago. This philosophy runs through our school ethos and the curriculum that we teach. Our Village Values feed into this (see below). The values are the qualities we believe that children should be taught to be good people. Also, we have our Explore, Dream, Discover (EDD) cards. These are our rewards and ethos cards that promote positive behaviour. These can be awarded for good behaviour, attitude shown both at school and at home. These are not new and have been running for over a year now.

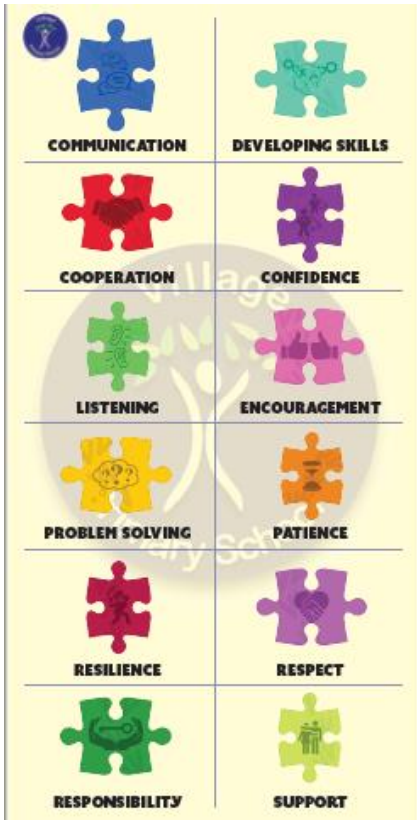
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We look forward to working with you closely for the year ahead and I look forward to saying hello in person over the coming days.

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