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Growing together, Respecting each other

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RE: Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Carers & Families,

Welcome back to a new school year at Sherdley! I hope you all had a restful, enjoyable summer and managed to spend some quality time together (with some sunshine in the mix!). It was such a pleasure to welcome the children back this morning and to see so many of you at the gate – thank you for the warm smiles and friendly waves. I must say, our children looked incredibly smart in their full school uniforms, and there was a real sense of pride seeing them start the year in such a positive way. We do ask that this continues throughout the year – wearing the uniform with pride and looking smart helps to set the tone for high standards and a strong sense of belonging to the Sherdley Family.

Today, I have visited the children in their classrooms and spoke about our high expectations, high aspirations, and high standards – and how these are at the heart of our Sherdley values. These will be revisited in our ‘welcome back’ assemblies tomorrow. As always, we will continue to work as one Sherdley family, working together to make sure every child is supported to do their very best.

This year, we’re delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our team. A very warm welcome to Mrs Perkins and Mrs Johnson, who join us in Pre-School, alongside the wonderful support of Mrs Jeffs. I know our youngest learners will benefit from their care, enthusiasm and expertise.

You may also have noticed some exciting changes outside of school – the first stage of our investment in outdoor learning and play spaces. New playground markings and games areas are now in place on the Key Stage 2 playgrounds, and we have further plans for the KS1 field area to be refreshed in the coming months too. Watch this space!

Within the next week, you will receive a list of key dates for the autumn term along with an overview of what your child will be learning this term on the ‘curriculum overview’. School reading books will also be sent home for children to begin and continue to practise their reading at home.

Our “Meet the Teacher” events will take place over the next two weeks, and later this term there will be an informal drop-in session to see your child’s books, before our more formal parents’ evenings take place. Please see dates below as shared on the Newsletter before we broke up for the Summer:

Thursday 4th September - Y6 9am

Thursday 4th September - Y2 2:30pm

Friday 5th September - Y5 9am

Friday 5th September - Y1 2:30pm

Monday 8th September - Y3 9am

Tuesday 9th September - Y4 9am





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Finally, to support with communication, Newsletters this year will be distributed monthly alongside weekly updates regarding attendance. Any other key messages will be sent to you via the Parent App and through letters so that there is less opportunity for key information to be missed and to avoid repetition each week.

It has been great to see the children settle back into school life so well and we are all looking forward to another exciting year at Sherdley, working in partnership with you to achieve the very best outcomes for your children. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office or your child's class teacher in the first instance and we will do our best to help. For contact with Mrs Stroud regarding any SEND concerns, please be advised that Mrs Stroud's time dedicated to SEND will be on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday and Thursday and these should be sent through to the Sherdley main office inbox in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T. Gawne

Headteacher

