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Dear Families,

The children have settled well over the past two weeks, their classrooms are looking colourful and there is a busy purposeful atmosphere as children respond to their new learning and the expectations and challenges of the year ahead. We are all really enjoying begin able to mix as a whole school and the reintroduction of bigger gatherings.

We were delighted to host our 'welcome to year...' meetings this week. It was lovely to be able to have the parents in school and in the building again. A huge thanks to all the parents who were able to attend your child's class meetings. For the parents who were unable to attend, the slides for the meeting are on the class stream on Google classroom. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or queries.

### Homework

Homework for years 1 to 6 is set on Google classroom.

This goes live on a Friday and pupils are expected to complete and return all homework the following Wednesday.

The following tasks are usually set:

- Mathematics- to be completed on **Doodle Maths**
- English
- Spelling
- Children are expected to be reading for at least 20 minutes every day in KS1 and 30 minutes per day in KS2.

### School Lunches

We are thrilled to let you know that the hot meal will be provided for all children from next week. Please support us by actively encouraging your children to take up the nutritious and free lunch on offer.

### Termly Newsletter

You would have received your child's termly newsletter this week. Please read it through as it contains important class information.

### The Start and End of the School Day.

Thank you to those parents who are dropping off and collecting children at their allocated playground area. A quick reminder that you should handover your child directly to the adult/s that work directly with them in their class.



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We have reviewed the set up for arrivals and dismissal to address some of the feedback we have received. We do hope this will alleviate some of the areas of congestion and support a smoother transition for all parents and the school.

As of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**:

Phase 1 – **Year 1, 2, and 3** – will move to the area of the playground next to the ECO Garden on the far end of the sports pitch.

Phase 2- **Year 4, 5 and 6** – will move to the playground closest to the main gate on Blundell Street.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring this is a smooth transition for the children.

**Late Pick up or a change to person collecting**

In the unlikely event you should arrive at school after the gates have been closed you will need to report to the school office to drop off or collect your child.

For safeguarding reasons, we will not allow children to leave with adults not named or known to us. Please ensure you ring the school office and report any changes to the office by 3pm. These are vital steps to safeguarding all children, their families and our staff.

Have a lovely weekend, it was so nice to see so many of you enjoying our Macmillan Coffee morning.

Best Wishes

**Janet Coulburne**  
**Deputy Headteacher**