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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week and all of the staff were really proud of how well they have all settled back into the routine of school. We have welcomed several new children and families, who have quickly adjusted to school life, and we hope that they have enjoyed their first week with us. The children never cease to amaze me with how wonderfully they support new pupils to settle in and feel a part of our school community.

We have been joined by Miss Calcagni who is teaching the Year 1 class, Miss Abbott who is teaching the Year 3 class and Miss Couchman who is covering the Year 4 class while Miss Jones is not in school. The staff have been working so hard to prepare exciting lessons and make sure that the children feel settled and ensure that we are meeting the needs of your children. Throughout the year, your child's teacher will continue to communicate with you via Tapestry (Reception & Year1) or ClassDojo (Year 2-Year 6). If you are not connected yet, please see your child's teacher.

If you have changed any of your contact details, please could you inform the office so that we can keep our records up-to-date. This is particularly important when we are trying to contact you if your child is unwell.

On Friday, we held a special worship for the children following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. This was a celebration of her life and service to the people of the United Kingdom. The Government has announced that **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** will be a **Bank Holiday** to coincide with Queen Elizabeth's funeral and to mark the last day of the period of national mourning and therefore our **school we be closed** on this day for people to pay their respects.

During the year we will be looking at ways to improve reading across the curriculum and we aim to find the best ways to support your children's improvement in this area. We have signed up to the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge and one of the first steps

is to think about reading for pleasure. The children and staff have been completing questionnaires last week and we would love to get your views on this in order to plan our changes. Please help us by completing the attached parental questionnaire and returning this to us by **17<sup>th</sup> September**, so that we can understand this aspect of reading. Printed copies of this questionnaire can be collected from your child's class.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you during the year and hope that your children will love their time in their new classes. Should you need to talk to us about any aspect of your children's learning or development, please come and speak to any of us. We are here to help.

We look forward to a happy and productive year and we will endeavour to keep you informed about any updates at the earliest opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Page

Head of School

## Parent Reading Survey

Reading for pleasure - the kind of reading children and adults **choose** to do in their own time, for their own purposes is important. It contributes to our world knowledge, imagination and well-being, in addition to developing children's literacy. The will to read influences the skill (and vice versa). As a school we are exploring children's, parents and teachers' reading for pleasure outside school.

1. What kinds of things do you enjoy reading for pleasure? (magazines, newspapers, Facebook, websites, novels, poetry, non-fiction books etc.)  
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2. How frequently do you think your child sees you choosing to read such texts?  
Regularly ☐      Often ☐      Sometimes ☐      Rarely ☐
3. Do you think your child sees you as a keen reader?  
Yes ☐      Maybe ☐      Unsure ☐      No ☐
4. Where do the books you have at home come from? (Tick all that apply)  
A local library? ☐      Bought online ☐  
Local shops ☐      Received as gifts ☐      Other ☐
5. Do you feel confident enough to support your child to enjoy reading independently?  
(Rate your view on a scale of 1-6, with 1 not being confident and 6 being very confident)  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6
6. Does your child have a favourite author? If so, please name them.  
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7. How often do you read with or to your child at home (not including the school reading scheme/colour coded books sent home)?  
Daily ☐      Twice a week ☐      Once a week ☐      Less than once a week ☐
8. Does your child read or share stories with others family members/friends? If so, how often?  
Regularly ☐      Often ☐      Sometimes ☐      Rarely ☐
9. Does your child choose to read at home by themselves? If so, how often?  
Daily ☐      Twice a week ☐      Once a week ☐      Less than once a week ☐
10. Do you have any questions or queries about developing your child's love of reading?  
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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you**