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Dear Parents

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and to the start of this academic year. I have tried to see you all when I have been out on the playground in the morning and after school – sorry if I have missed any of you. I hope that you have all had a great holiday and had some time to rest and relax. For some of you it is the start of your journey with us and for some it will be the final year before you move on to pastures new. All the staff at Glasshouses would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents and their families and we look forward to getting to know you over the year. We also welcome two new members of staff to the team: Mrs Gillies who will be working in the office as our new Administrator and Mr Caswell who is our new Class 3 teacher. We wish them both well as they settle into school and appreciate your patience and understanding whilst they settle into their new routines and life at Glasshouses.

You will have noticed that the school has undergone some renovations over the holiday. The school hall has new displays up and is looking brighter and fresher! We have also had a new school fence and bin store fitted to help improve the safety of the site. The children are very proud of the mosaic which is now on display on the new fence! This masterpiece was created by the children during the University of Glasshouses time on a Friday afternoon.

We started off our school year reminding children about our positive behaviour values and RRSA - Rights Respecting School Articles. These are Courtesy, Honesty, Attitude (positive), Manners, Perseverance and Safety '**CHAMPS**'. We will be focussing on a core value each half term with the first one being Courtesy. This year, we are aspiring to improve in reading, spelling and maths. To this end, we would like to invite you to a phonics / reading meeting for KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) on 25th September at 2.45pm and 26th September at 2.45 for Early Years. There will be a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar workshop for parents of all year groups on 29th November at 4pm. There will also be a Maths workshop for parents on 15th November at 4pm for all year groups.

The whole school calendar with key dates was sent out at the end of summer term, but like us, we appreciate that this seems a long time ago so we have attached them again. These are also on the Website. If the dates change for any reason, we will let you know via text and newsletter. I would also like to advise you of the INSET days for this school year, which are: Monday 24th September (Pateley Show), Monday 7th January, Monday 29th April and Monday 22nd July.

All Class teachers will be sending out the Topic Map and homework grids / books today along with a letter detailing activities and timetable specific to their class. Please check your child's book bag for this. This will also be on the school website.

As always, please do come and speak to us about any concerns. All staff are out on the playground in the morning where you can talk to them. If you would like to have a private conversation or require a meeting, then please ask the teacher or office to arrange an appointment. As a parent I know that sometimes questions come to you when you have arrived at work or once you are back at home; if so, please just call the office and Mrs Gillies will be happy to pass on the relevant messages. As Headteacher, I always try to get out on the playground most mornings to speak with you and don't forget the half term 'Coffee and Chat with the Headteacher'.

I am really proud of what the school community has achieved over the last year and am looking forward to working together over this coming year. We are all ready and raring to go for round two...I hope you can join in! Have a great Weekend.

Miss Nicola Thornber, Headteacher

