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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and get into the swing of the new school year. Thank you for your patience as we try to establish new drop off and pick up arrangements. The children are coping with the changes to routines really well! We are now lining up Years 2-6 in the playground in the morning at 8.40am and teachers are collecting the children to go to class. This is to ease congestion in the corridors and cloakrooms whilst the building work continues, and allow Foundation Stage and Year 1 access to their classrooms.

As in previous Autumn terms, we have a whole school topic this term. 'Super Structures' is the theme and learning will be based on buildings, bridges, engineering and stories about buildings and cities. Classes have begun their topics and all completed some practical 'Super Structures' challenges on Friday. Class letters will be coming home this week giving you more information about the learning for the term. You will also see on the topic plans information on how the topics incorporate our vision themes. Governors and teachers have reviewed the vision we developed in 2014 and we felt it would be helpful for you to see how the children's learning links to the themes. The six themes are : Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Physical and mental well-being, Global Citizenship, Communication and Social Skills, Creativity and Innovation and Key Academic Skills. I will share more information about the vision and how it relates to the curriculum in a later newsletter.

On Thursday after school, from 3.15 – 4.00pm, we are inviting parents to 'drop in' to classrooms, look around and meet the teacher. As access to the school is a bit limited at the moment, this might be a good opportunity for your child to show you around their classroom. **Year 5 will have their drop in on Wednesday after school, from 3.15pm.**

We will be holding elections for children in Year 2 to Year 6 who are interested in joining the Eco Council and School Council in the week beginning 17th September. I am attaching the job descriptions and you may like to talk about this at home. Both councils meet fortnightly.

A few general reminders for the beginning of the school year. If your child needs an inhaler, please can you make sure they have it in school with them every day. Children also need a water bottle in school and it should only contain water. At break times, Key Stage 1 children are provided with a healthy snack; Key Stage 2 children are welcome to bring a healthy snack in from home and we would ask that it is a non-sugary snack. If you are booking a school dinner for your child, and are able to book online via parentpay, that is really helpful to us in the office. Lastly, do make sure that uniform is named – we have already had some lost items we can't reunite with their owners! Many thanks.

We will be sharing more of the learning from the term as it progresses and will send more dates for your diary, including some PTFA events. In the last week of this term we will hold an Art/ Design Week and invite you to join us at an exhibition of work on Thursday 18th October in the afternoon. Please do put that date in your diary.

Kind regards,
Nicky Hughes

