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September News letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to write to welcome you all back to the new academic year. The staff have been working incredibly hard over the summer period to prepare school for a safe opening for all pupils and we were very excited to welcome everyone back.

The children have settled back into school incredibly well and we are extremely proud of how they have coped with all the new routines and changes to the structure of the school day. It's lovely to see their smiling faces every morning ready for the day ahead.

Thank you to you all for observing all the new systems we have in place; I know that there is a lot to remember and a lot of information has been sent home over recent weeks.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held next week for all children in school. The focus of these meetings will be to discuss how your child has settled back into school in the last few weeks and to discuss the assessment that has taken place.

Parent consultations will be done by phone and can be booked in with the class teacher via the website later this week. Class teachers will notify parents when bookings are open for their class.

Please note that these consultations are 10 minutes long. Should you need to continue your conversation, or have other issues/concerns to discuss, we would be grateful if you book another meeting with the class teacher at a different time to ensure that everyone can access their full appointment time.

Wellbeing survey

As well as assessing the children's academic progress we are also concerned with their wellbeing on return to school. To follow will be a short survey about their wellbeing. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill this in with your child. This will help us to understand the needs of our children further from a parent/child point of view. Please return this to school by **Monday 5th October**.

Remote learning

We would also be grateful for your views on remote learning and any barriers you faced to supporting your child's learning when school was closed. Please complete our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M3WQKL8>. This will help us review our remote learning offer should there be further closures or should your child/family member be self-isolating at home. Please complete and return by **Monday 5th October**.

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Our School Vision

You may remember that earlier last year we consulted all of our stakeholders, including parents and children, on our vision for our school. Our final vision is outlined below:

Our vision is at the heart of everything we do in school; we have revised our behaviour policy, our curriculum plans and collective worship practice to ensure that it helps us deliver this vision in all areas of school life as outlined in the information below.

' Our vision for the Federation of Kirkby Malzeard and St Nicholas C of E Schools.

We believe that our children should have the aspiration and opportunity to '**Live life in all its fullness**' John 10:10 and '**Shine like stars in the sky**' Philippians 2:15; and have the courage to act with **kindness, patience, love and peace** in all the communities they serve in. Our distinct vision is delivered through these three key areas:

Collective Worship

Collective worship is planned around our Christian values of **kindness, love, patience and peace**. Each value is explored in its own half term.

Behaviour Policy and Practice

Our three Bs:

Be respectful - demonstrate **kindness, love, patience and peace at all times**.

Be safe

Be ready

The Curriculum

Our Curriculum intent and mapping supports our vision. In order that our children will '**Live life in all its fullness**' John 10:10 and '**Shine like stars in the sky**', the golden threads of our curriculum will encourage the children to:

- **Become life-long readers**
- **Be confident communicators**
- **Be spiritually, mentally and physically healthy**
- **Be creative**
- **Be curious**

Understand and embrace the wider world
Each of these golden threads has a half term dedicated to it in school.

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We are focusing on all four of the Christian values of **kindness, love, patience and peace** this term whilst we explore what these Christian values look like in action.
Our **curriculum golden thread** this half term is all about **confident communication**.

There will be further information about our vision in action in other news letters this term.

Illness and attendance

Please see the advice sheet for support as to whether your child needs to stay off school should they become ill. This has been emailed home and is **available on the school website**. **If they have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they should not attend school until they have been tested.**

Please note, school work will be sent home and we would ask that this is completed and returned to school for marking and feedback.

New staff members

We would also like to welcome two new members of staff: Miss Roisin Sainston Rainford who will be working each morning in Acorn and Oak Class and Mrs Della Wilkinson who will be working in Cedar Class each afternoon.

With best wishes

Sarah Taylor
Head teacher