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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and one which seems to have commenced with a distinctly autumnal feel to it. Certainly from my observations, it has been a really positive start and it would appear, again from my observations and discussions with children and staff, that everybody has settled well into their new routines. I will try my very best not to overload you with information and will attempt to stick to the essentials....!

#### Miss Moscrop

For those of you who are not aware, we now no longer have Miss Moscrop working at the school..... However, we do have Mrs Brown (another one!) following her wedding during the summer break! You will be pleased to know that she is just as good as the original Miss M and the children have barely noticed the difference!

#### Upcoming Dates

Earlier in the week, we did share information about the upcoming curriculum meetings over the next couple of weeks or so. They are said to be pretty useful and if you are able to attend, it would be lovely to see you. In terms of future dates, I have again attached the calendar which will, undoubtedly, have more entries added as we go through the year.

#### Uniform

I have received some queries about uniform, more specifically in regard to expectations for what to be worn for PE. Firstly, our aim is to keep uniform as simple and COST EFFECTIVE as possible. As such, we certainly do not ask that items have school logos embroidered (but that is, of course, an option). PE kit is fairly simplistic in so far as we ask for a plain white tee shirt / polo shirt, black or navy-blue shorts / leggings and white 'sports style' socks with plimsolls or trainers. As it gets colder and PE may be outside, we also encourage a sweatshirt (ideally without zips which could potentially 'catch' during some activities) and joggers. As a sweatshirt, some children choose to wear their school one which is absolutely fine. It goes without saying we suggest clothing is named!

#### School Lunches

As will often be the case, we have had some children changing their lunch preferences between school and packed lunch which is, of course, perfectly fine. However, could we please ask that you inform the office if you wish to change your arrangements by telephone, email or in person (but not by asking your child to tell us please!) Many thanks.

#### Freeflow

Those of you who have tried to log into Freeflow will have noticed that there are one or two technical issues! We are currently in discussion with the company to resolve these.

#### Asda Cashpot for Schools

This is something I was made aware of earlier this week and it is an initiative whereby those with an Asda rewards app can nominate the school who will receive 0.5% of the value of their shop AND the school will also receive one pound for each person who signs up to this. Friends of Belmont will be sharing more information about this so feel free to tell all of your family, friends and acquaintances all about it and, of course, to choose Belmont as their recipient!!!

Mobile Phones on Site

As we start a new year, just another reminder that we request that mobile phones are not used for any purpose whilst on the school site. There are a few reasons for this. We do appreciate that there are times where we may get a call or message which needs an immediate response. No problem. Feel free to pop outside of the gate to respond as necessary but please, not on site. Thanks.

And Finally.....

I think that is about it for now other than to say many thanks to you all for supporting with a smooth start to the year and I have loved catching up with so many of you at the gate this week. Always feel free to pop to the bottom gate to say hello!!!

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely

*C. Gibson*

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