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Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful first half term we have shared together. The children have settled in wonderfully to their new classrooms and routines. I am delighted to be able to get to know our new pupils in all year groups and their families and look forward to sharing many more lovely times together as a school family across this year.

Dark nights

This Sunday the clocks go back and the nights get longer and darker. With this in mind, please remind your children about the importance of staying safe and being seen at night – especially when walking along busy roads. The old saying 'safety in numbers' is particularly relevant at this time of year for all children and adults.

Changes for coming into school

When we return to school after the October half term, the top gate will be open from 8.30 am and parents are welcome to come and wait on the school yard, rather than lining up next to the car park and vehicle entrance. Children must be monitored at all times by a parent or carer and should not be left, unless first handed over to an adult in school. All year groups from Reception to Year 4 will now come down onto the yard – families with children in Years 5 & 6 can also wait on the yard or continue to wait at the top until the class door opens. Reception children will come into school each morning via the gate that they are collected from.

Bonfire night

Fireworks are being heard regularly around the estate. I imagine many of you will have activities planned for the night itself, but could you please ensure that your children know the dangers associated with fireworks and fire in general. We will be reinforcing this in school but there is no better place for children to learn about the dangers of fire than at home.

100% club

I am delighted that the number of children achieving 100% attendance across the weeks has improved since the launch of our 100% club. So far, we have over 160 children with multiple entries into the draw for the end of year prizes – let's see how any more we can get. Certificates for pupils with 100% attendance for the month of October will be given out when we return after half term.

Half term

Well, we have survived the longest of half terms. I am sure your children will do nothing but sleep for the full week they are off! Please have a wonderful time with your family, enjoy the delights of Halloween and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 4th November, when school opens at 7.45am for breakfast club and 8.45am for all pupils.

Dionne Dunn

Headteacher