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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 trust you have all had some time to rest and relax. For some it is the start of your journey with us and for some it will be the final year before you move onto pastures new.

It is also the start of a new chapter for me as I begin my Headship here at Kildwick. I am looking forward immensely to working with all members of the school community and beyond as we look to the future, forging strong partnerships with parents and the wider community.

We also welcome three further members of staff to school. Mrs Ruth Sharples who will be teaching in Class 3, Mrs Ygern Roberts (who many will already know as a parent) who will be working in Class 1 and Mrs Sandra Chapman who is the new Administrator. If you would like to say hello to her or have information to pass to her then please come up to her office at the top of the stairs. She has had a very busy, if not overwhelming week, as she gets used to the school's systems and practices. I will try to persuade her to come and say hello in person next week. ☺

We wish them all well as they settle into school.

School Aims / Vision – All staff and governors spent a very productive morning on Monday, working on our aims and vision. We are in the process of consulting the children about their views and we would also like your opinion before we put a draft version together. One thing that emerged is that we would like to be outward looking, not only working in partnership with other schools but also using our skills and resources to help those less fortunate than ourselves. You will shortly be receiving a questionnaire and I would greatly appreciate your contribution.

I also plan to upgrade the school website, add a Facebook page and also create a school blog where children's learning in and out of school can be showcased.

It's been a productive first week and I'm really excited about what the future holds for Kildwick School. We will all sleep well on Friday. Have a great weekend!

Tim Whitehead
Head Teacher

PTA

The first PTA meeting will take place in the school hall, after school next Tuesday 13th September. This will be an opportunity for parents to come along and discuss the events planned over the year.

Pupil Data Collection Sheet

Mrs Chapman will be sending out a pupil data collection sheet next week. Please could you update any changes and return to the school office so we can update our school records.

Communication

We apologise for any miscommunication regarding events and clubs this week. Some parents received emails and others didn't. Updating our school records is one way of resolving this issue although we are also conscious that there may be a 'gremlin' playing havoc with the parent pay system. Please let us know if you haven't received an email and we will make sure you receive a paper copy.

Topic details / class routines

You will shortly be receiving a detailed outline of this half terms plan alongside other important class information. This will also be posted on the school website (when I work out how to do it)!

Roald Dahl dress up day

We will be celebrating 'Roald Dahl Day' next Tuesday 13th September and children are invited to dress up as a character or something related to Roald Dahl.

Creative Home Learning competition

We are also asking children to make something from a Roald Dahl book or film. This might include - baking, cutting and sticking, a short homemade film or some writing. Please bring these into school on the morning of Tuesday 13th September. There will be a small prize for each class. So, get your thinking caps, get creating and in the words of Willy Wonka "There is no life I know to compare with pure imagination".

Clubs – These will begin week commencing 12th September. You will receive notification if successful / unsuccessful early next week.

Day	Diary
Tuesday 13 th pm	Year 4 / 5 / 6 running club
Wednesday 14 th pm	Football – year 5 / 6
Thursday 15 th pm	Multi sports - year 5 / 6
Thursday 15 th am	Gymnastics – year 1 / 2
Thursday 15 th pm	Mini Ringers Bell Club
Friday 16 th am	Gymnastics – year 3 / 4

Upcoming clubs

I am meeting with Keith Moran, owner of Bricks 4 Kidz, next week about the possibility of a school Reception / KS1 Lego club. We are also planning a Year 3 / 4 writing club and a choir club. Details will follow shortly.

Awards and Achievements

Star of the Week

- Class 1** – Louie Slinger – for a mature start to year One
Class 2 – Romilly Davenport – Fantastic work and attitude across all areas
Class 3 – Samuel Kellet – For a fantastic start to class Three, showing positive attitude and sensible behaviour
Class 4 – Harvey Osborne – Having great enthusiasm for everything and working well in a team.
Class 5 – Emily Audin – Honesty and resilience

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Yasmin Dunning who will be 9 on Sunday.

Calendar

- Monday 12th September** – EYFS – Phonic information evening at 5.30pm
Friday 16th September – EYFS – Stay and Play including lunch with the children – **12.30pm**
Friday 16th September – Collective Worship in Church at 2.45pm

Reminders

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 4th October – 5.30pm. There will be an opportunity for you to come and 'Grill the Head', meet the class teacher and also find out about what happens in your child's class and how you can help at home. There will also be a short presentation on the new assessment arrangements in school.

Congratulations – It's a girl!

Mrs Abbott is pleased to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl Mahari Sofia, born on Wednesday. We send them all our love and congratulations xx!



Reception children

The Reception children have had a wonderful, yet tiring week, settling into school. They have been busy getting used to the routines, had a tour of the school and have even met their year 6 buddy. I'm sure that by next week it will seem like they have never been away.

