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Dear Eagle Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year from the Eagles staff.

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who was able to help in Eagle's new classroom's make over – it looks amazing and has made a huge difference already to how the children feel about the space. Thank you.

Our theme for this term is *Let's get moving!* You will see our theme web, which will be sent out soon, sets out the areas of learning Eagles will be pursuing over the period to Christmas.

This term Mr Ringer will be teaching from Wednesday to Friday and Mrs Curzon will be teaching on Tuesdays. Mondays will be covered by Mrs Parker until half-term at which point Mr Gardner will be the class teacher. Mrs Parker worked with us as a regular cover teacher last year and so knows the children well.

PE takes place on a Tuesday morning and children should come dressed in PE kit for the whole day. As we intend to be outside, leggings or joggers (or similar) are recommended, along with trainers. A second PE session takes place on Friday where children only require trainers.

Forest school begins this Thursday. As the weather is changing, it is more important than ever that the children come to school in appropriate clothing which should include suitable footwear such as wellington boots or hiking shoes, water proof jackets and warm layers.

Please could all children have a water bottle in school all week, thank you. Children may get a drink at any time, and have their bottle at their table space. If you forget to bring one, please let us know and we will organise a drink for them. We encourage children to drink regularly during the day but if you do find that your child is drinking less than they might usually then please let us know. We will also refill bottles when they are empty – so if they come home full just check with them if they've had a refill during the day.

During break time, the children are allowed fruit and vegetable snacks so please send in a healthy break time snack from home. Lunches run the same as last year with choices going to Mrs Henvest in the office ahead of time. If your child eats very little on any particular day, we will let you know.

Could we ask once again that all uniform is named – even if it is written in pen on the label. A considerable amount of unnamed clothing built up again last year which we were sadly unable to return.

Children will be bringing their new reading records home this week. We recognise that as children get older they read more independently. Research shows, however, that the longer families take an active interest in reading, the more likely it is that children develop into life-long readers. Continuing to listen to your child read, reading to your child and, or talking to your child about their books are still incredibly valuable in year 5 and 6. We would like to say thank you in advance, therefore, for continuing to sign reading records 4 or more times a week to evidence your child's reading. Reading records need to be in school each day and are checked routinely.

In year 5 and 6 spellings coming home on **Tuesdays** with the previous week's spellings being tested on the same day and returned with the child so that you can see their progress.

We have a change to our celebration assembly routine this term, with the assembly now taking place on Fridays at 2.30. It is always lovely to see parents and family at these assemblies to share in the children's achievements.

Finally, for those children who have music lessons with Alex, lessons are on Monday.

Finally, please remember our door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns or even if you just want to catch up with us.

Kind regards

Mr Ringer, Mr Gardner and Mrs Curzon