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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely holiday. We feel that the children have settled back into school wonderfully well and have been especially impressed by the year 3s - transitioning into KS2 is a big step and they are doing really well. Here are a few bits of information for the term but as ever, if you have any questions, please ask. Mrs Dangerfield will teach the class each Monday and Tuesday, Mr Ringer will teach the class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Kyte and Mr Dangerfield will be working across the week as Teaching Assistants. Mrs Kyte also teaches French and Mrs Curzon will teach RE each fortnight.

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 a.m, although children can come into the classroom any time from 8.30 where there is morning work for them to do. If you arrive at any time after the door has closed then please take your child to the office to sign in before they come to class. On time starts make for a settled beginning to the day for everyone.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested each Friday afternoon (a change from last year). Each child's spellings are stuck into a red book for them to practise 3x each week at home. Regular practise at regular intervals offers the best chance of success for most children and they and we really appreciate your support with this. We keep a copy in school for the children to practise in the classroom. We ask that you assist your child in remembering their red books each Friday for their new sheet and also so we can stick in their tests so you can see how they have been getting on. This term, after requests from a number of parents we are including a list of 'high frequency words' that can be learnt in addition to weekly spellings.

Please read with your child and sign their reading record at least 3 times a week but the more often the better. Your child should bring their reading record book to school each day in their book bag. We ensure that each child always has a book banded school book to read (this is the book staff listen to your child read) and we are careful to match books bands to enable greater progress.

PE is on Tuesday and Friday afternoons; PE kits can be worn all day on a Tuesday but only trainers are needed for a Friday session. Please can we ask that children wear the correct footwear for these sessions.

Forest School will be every other Thursday afternoon. Please make sure they have suitable clothing. As we know, the weather can change very quickly and walking down from Ebworth is not much fun when you are really wet. Sturdy shoes or wellington boots should be worn and please send in a coat. Our topic this term is 'From Field to Fork' where we shall be looking at change and continuity from the Stone Age to Bronze Age with an emphasis on the use of land. We will have more news on a trip shortly!

We look forward to a lovely autumn term,
Many thanks

Mr Ringer, Mrs Dangerfield, Mrs Kyte and Mr Dangerfield

