



Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a long and restful summer holiday and enjoyed spending time with the children; I know I did. It was wonderful to see the children arrive on Wednesday morning enthusiastic and ready to learn. So many children greeted myself and Mr Coombs on gate duty with a smile and their usual, 'Good Morning' and this really does start the day off beautifully. I need to acknowledge how super smart they all looked in their uniform and how proud we are to be part of Leasowes. Welcome also to our new parents who I hope will pick up our routines quickly. We have 'Meet the Teacher' meetings on Tuesday after school for anyone who would like more information about the class and year group. A letter will be sent out with the details.

I would like to bring to your attention our new online payment system, 'School Money'. This will help us move towards a cashless system in the future. We are hoping that this makes life easier for parents, but as with anything new I am sure there will be a few teething problems. Thank you in advance for your patience. Whilst thinking about food and snacks, please remember we are a NUT-FREE school. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils that have nut allergies and can potentially have serious reactions.

A new academic year and a new drive! In the next few weeks I will be sharing with you our school priorities for this year. However, in addition to our priorities we have been looking closely at our curriculum to ensure it is both exciting for the children and relevant to their needs. We are currently creating new curriculum maps which will demonstrate how our topics link learning across subjects. These topics will be driven by books that support the learning and will all have a 'hook' to ensure enjoyment. This could be, for example, an educational visit, working towards a family learning project or Forest Schools. We will be launching these maps in the next few weeks.

Please remember we have a new school telephone number: **01785 337370**.

As always if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher or the phase leader as they will have more information and knowledge about your child. However, if you feel you need to speak to myself or Mr Coombs, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your on-going support,
Mrs Bettany

