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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is a lovely time of year to be in school as the build up to Christmas begins.

Last year was a successful year for the school and we achieved many of our aims. This year's performance tables, produced by OFSTED are published in December and will be available through a link on the website before the end of term. This will detail how children have achieved in our school compared to other school nationally. We were particularly pleased with how well children achieved in their Maths across the school and we look to build and develop this further. Next week we will be hosting teachers from Shanghai who will be delivering Maths lessons alongside our own teachers to visiting teachers from across the North East. This is an excellent opportunity to share best practice and I am very proud that we have been selected to host this event.

While academic performance is clearly important, last year we were also keen to develop our extended curriculum offer and over 1400 places were taken by children accessing our wide range of after-school activities. The plan is to sustain this into 2018 and ensure that we continue to offer places free of charge. Our priorities for this year are to continue to develop the learning environment both indoors and outside. The glass doors into many of the classrooms are a huge improvement in both light and fresh air and the community room is a much needed additional space for many activities including DT and music. Outside we have invested in the learning space through developing both the natural environment and PE and sporting equipment.

We have already hosted a range of information evenings focussing on Maths and English. I hope you have found them informative and thank you for your attendance. There will be further sessions over the year and if you have any queries about any aspect of the curriculum please do not hesitate to get in contact. Our Maths and English lead teachers, Miss Stokell and Miss Savage, are always willing to deliver sessions to parents or answer questions regarding our provision. We are also offering support to parents who want to know how to support their child in developing reading skills. Times and dates to be announced soon.

This term, parents from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be invited in to see performances and showcase their learning. All parents will be invited into school at different point in the year to see their children in a performance, dates and times will be shown in our newsletters. I look forward to seeing you at these events and you are also welcome to contact me by email or phone and I will be available most days in the playground at the start and end of the school day.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Finally I look forward to Autumn 2 and our run up to Christmas.

Kind regards

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