



4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a fantastic summer holiday.

A quick message from Mrs Watt, Mrs Gawadzyn and Mrs Coupland – thank you so much to the parents and children who have just left Acorn class for the lovely gifts!

I would also like to say a huge thank you for the wonderful gifts that you gave me at the end of last year, it is so kind and truly appreciated!

We have made the decision to send the Friday letter via email in order to cut down on paperwork being sent home each week (or being dropped in the playground!). We are using the new class email [WDF.Beech@stcmat.org](mailto:WDF.Beech@stcmat.org). You should all have received emails from myself using this address. If you would like to discuss something with me that is not urgent please feel free to send an email to that address. If what you need to talk about is urgent please contact admin, either by phone or by email [MEA.Admin@stcmat.org](mailto:MEA.Admin@stcmat.org).

I am absolutely blown away by how well the children have settled back in to school. Every single one of them has managed to come in, wash their hands and listen well to all of our new routines. Each child has had a go at the different activities in the classroom and they are already working together as a team in their learning. Our classroom has changed a lot since last term with brilliant new areas in the classroom for the children to access. They have been making some really good choices and some children are already starting to challenge themselves, especially in our maths area! We have seen lots of children measuring and weighing, comparing weights of different items and balancing weights to determine the weight of other objects. We have had children writing stories and instructions and even a letter to Santa! Some children have decided to work on their handwriting, and others have been asking to practice spellings, I am amazed!

Next week each child will be given a reading book. I will need to take some time to listen to each child read and ensure that they are reading the correct level reading book, which will mean that not all children will be able to have their reading book on Monday! When your child brings home their reading book they will need to keep this at home until Friday. On Friday can you please ensure the reading book is in your child's book bag to allow me to collect them in and 'quarantine' them over the weekend. Please use your child's reading record to write comments about your child's reading, you may wish to include any discussions you have had about the book or any work your child may choose to do that relates to it. If your child is a Free Reader then you may wish to use a book from home as we do not have a huge selection in the classroom. Reading records will not be looked at daily so please send any important messages to the Admin or class email.

We are expecting a fruit delivery next week for children's snack, for the time being please continue to put a healthy snack in your child's book bag.

On Tuesday afternoons Beech class and the Acorn Year 1 children will have PE with District Sports. I will write in the Friday letter to let you know whether District Sports will be on the following week.

The first session takes place next week so **please ensure children wear their PE kit next Tuesday.** They will wear their kit for the whole day so please ensure your child has a warm layer and jogging bottoms depending on the forecast for the day.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everybody ready for our first full week on Monday!

Roanna