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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your children back to Horton Mill. I have been thoroughly impressed by how well they have settled into school today.

I will be sending weekly newsletters home every Monday to keep you fully informed about school life.

New Awards & Incentives:

This morning during assembly I talked with the children about some new awards and incentives that we will be introducing at Horton Mill. Each week, children will receive awards for the following:

- **Head Teacher's Award:** Every Friday during our Celebration Assembly, a child from each class will receive an award for demonstrating a 'Learning Power'. This week class teachers will be looking for children who are demonstrating **RESILIENCE** by **Managing Distractions**.
- **Attendance & Punctuality:** Each week, the class/classes with the best attendance and punctuality will receive a certificate. For children who come to school every day and arrive every day on time, they will receive a termly treat such as a mini disco in school, visit to the park, etc. For children who have 100% attendance for the whole school year will be invited to a special school trip during the summer term.
- I would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child by making sure they arrive at school every day at 8.50.
- **House Teams:** This week, we will be introducing House Teams for Behaviour and Learning. Your child will earn points for Outstanding Behaviour and Learning. The House Team who has earned the most points will receive a termly award. The children will be involved in choosing the names for the 4 House Teams and it will be my pleasure to share their choices with you next Monday.

School Uniform & Jewellery:

I was delighted to see how smart the children look in their school uniforms this morning and they all looked so proud to be wearing their new uniforms. There are 3 areas of school uniform that I need to highlight to all parents.



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- **Jewellery:** For Health and Safety reasons, necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed to be worn. Religious artefacts may be worn on the inside of a trouser pocket or the inside band of a skirt, usually sewn or attached with a safety pin. Watches can be worn. Nail varnish or make up must not be worn but following religious celebrations Mehndi will be allowed on hands for several days.
- **Headscarves:** Elasticated headscarves can be worn but must be black, white or dark green. Headscarves with wrap around tassels, diamante or tied with a safety pin must not be worn. Headscarves must be removed for PE.
- **PE Kits:** Your child needs to have their PE kit in school at all times. Your child's current PE Kit should include: a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and black pumps.

Meet the Teacher & Head Teacher sessions:

On Thursday 8th September, parents are invited to spend an afternoon session with their child and new class teacher. These sessions will run from 1.00 until 2.30 and parents are advised to visit their children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 firstly as these children have an afternoon break at 2.10. **Parents whose children are in Nursery will be invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' session at a later date.**

Once the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions end at 2.30, I would like to invite all parents to a coffee afternoon from 2.30 onwards so that we have the opportunity to meet each other personally. I am really looking forward to meeting you all at these sessions and the coffee afternoon.

Eid Celebrations:

We would like to wish all our children and families 'Eid Mubarak' as you prepare for the upcoming celebrations. **School will be closed on Monday 12th September and will re-open on Tuesday 13th September at 8.50. All children are expected to return to school on Tuesday.**

Celebrating Birthdays:

We have decided that it would be a lovely opportunity to allow your children to come to school dressed in their own clothes when it is their birthday. For Health and Safety reasons, children will need to still wear their school shoes with their own clothes.

Roald Dahl Day:

On Tuesday 13th September, the whole school will be taking part in various activities to celebrate the great works of the famous children's author, Roald Dahl.

Yours Sincerely

Zaira Cook
Head Teacher



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