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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year and first of all I am delighted to say what a great start all of the children have made to the term- it is as if they have never been away! We have seen some super examples of our school values exhibited through the good manners and hard work of all the pupils so well done to all of you.

Welcome especially to our new starters in Reception and nursery and to the remaining new children scattered through the school. We hope you enjoy your time here at New Park.

Next a reminder that if you have any questions or matters that you would like to discuss then please approach your child's class teacher in the first instance. Following that please address any matters to Mrs. Umpleby for Foundation Stage, Miss Ball for KS1 and Mr. Harrison for KS2.

Now a plea to Y3/4 parents. As the children will be swimming this year could you please ensure, especially parents of Y3 children, that they are able to undress and dress themselves independently. This is something we would expect them to be able to do at this age. It would help if you could practise with them at home things such as turning socks, pants and shorts and jumpers the right way round if they are inside out and drying themselves properly with a towel. The children have about 5 minutes to get dressed following swimming and it is not appropriate for KS2 staff to have to help with this so we would really appreciate your help in developing their independent skills. Thank you.

We have held our first PTFA meeting this week and unfortunately only 3 parents were in attendance. This is not enough to sustain an active PTFA so we need to recruit YOU! To this end we are holding a short coffee morning on Wednesday 21st September immediately after the start of school when anyone interested in finding out about the work of the PTFA and ways in which you can help are welcome to attend. The funds raised from the PTFA are invaluable in supporting the school buying resources which we could not otherwise afford. For example last year alone the PTFA contributed £2500 to the KS2 library books alone- without this contribution the children would not have the wonderful range of story books that they do now. The PTFA is not an exclusive club and it does not demand excessive commitments- there are all kinds of ways in which you can contribute so please join us on the 21st and find out how you could help.

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A notice that Harrogate High School will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 21st September between 6.00-7.00pm. and an Open day on Saturday 24th September between 9.30am-1.30pm. for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. HHS are our academy partners and it is an exciting time for the school as their new build nears completion. It looks set to be a fabulous learning environment and I know that the headteacher, Mr. Bayston, and his staff are dedicated to providing the best possible education to all pupils. As academy partners we would encourage you to attend and find out more about the school , its work and its ambitions as you give serious consideration to whereabouts your child will attend when they leave us.

Finally for this week, advance warning that we will be holding a bookfair in school week commencing the 10th of October and that on Monday 31st October the PTFA will be holding a Hallowe'en Day to raise funds for the school. For an all in contribution of £2.50 the children can wear Hallowe'en costume, enter the pumpkin competition and attend the disco in the afternoon.

That is all for now so have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson