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Dear families,

Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope that all of our families managed to enjoy the summer break and are ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely to welcome those who are returning for another year at Tithe Farm and those who are just starting their journey along the Tithe Farm Way. There has been a lovely buzz around school as the children catch up with their friends and adults.

In assembly today we have spoken about what it means to follow the Tithe Farm Way. Our new house point jars already have a number of tokens in them which is fantastic to see. Once school council are elected, their first job will be to decide with their classes what the rewards might be for the winning house.

We are excited to build on the many successes we had last academic year. In particular, we cannot wait further your children's learning. Our first Overarching topic, People of the World begins today. This is a history based topic in which the children across the school will be learning about different people and civilisations across history and the impact they have had on society today. We will continue to have oracy endpoints at the end of each overarching topic, dates for these will be added to the calendar nearer to the time.

All dates and information will be added to the Google calendar so please keep an eye on this so that you are aware of events which are taking place and when we need information from you as a family.

As the new academic year begins, I would like to remind you of our routines.

Our school rules are: **be ready, show respect and stay safe**. This forms part of the **Tithe Farm Way** and as a school we expect the whole school community (children, adults in school, and families) to follow these rules at all times.

Attendance

It is vital that families ensure that children attend school regularly. Being in school helps children to feel a sense of belonging and build good relationships both with their peers and also their teachers. Regular absence from school not only means that children miss out building these relationships but also important learning which may be difficult to catch up on at another time.

Where children are ill, please ensure you either used Study Bugs or call the school to report the absence so that we can code the absence appropriately. Routine doctors and dentist appointments should be made outside of school hours to ensure that learning time is not lost. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and will result in a fixed penalty notice.

There has been updated guidance from the DfE regarding attendance, over the coming weeks we will send out our new attendance policy and further information to support families understand what it means for them.

Uniform

School uniform creates a sense of belonging and pride for our children. All children are expected to wear their school uniform with pride, every day.

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School uniform consists of a red school jumper or cardigan; black or dark grey skirt, school trousers or tailored shorts; a white shirt/ blouse or polo shirt; and black school shoes (shoes which can be polished). Trainers are not

part of our everyday school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. If your child has not come to school in shoes today, please ensure that they do tomorrow.

On PE days, children are required to come into school in their PE kit. This consists of black bottoms; a red T-shirt; a school jumper; and trainers.

Jewellery, nail varnish, make-up and temporary tattoos are also not permitted in school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, then small studs may be worn. Adults will ask children to remove larger earrings if they are worn in school as these pose a health and safety risk. The school will not take responsibility loss or damage for any jewellery worn in school.

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we will send you a letter to remind you of the correct uniform.

School Meals

If your child has school dinners, please ensure that you pre-book the meals on the online portal 'School Grid.' If your child is Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meal, you do still need to make a meal selection so the kitchen know how much to cook. If you do not book a meal, you may be contacted to bring a packed lunch to school.

Communication is important to us; please ensure that you speak to class teachers in the first instance with any worries or concerns. The best time to do this is after school. Welcoming children and settling them in means that morning drop off is not an appropriate time for this. If your message is urgent, please either phone or drop into the office. Messages will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff and if required they will be in touch with you at an appropriate time. If class teachers are unable to help you, phase leaders (Mr Holloway KS2; Miss Thompson KS1; and Miss Brassinne EYFS) are your next point of contact.

We look forward to working closely with you over the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Worsfold
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