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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of this term. I can't believe we are at the end of week 1, it has raced by! It has been wonderful to see you all and the children as well as welcoming our new starters, both children and staff.

I can't decide if I prefer the fact the weather has turned cold and wet or not, it does mean I am not missing sitting in the garden in the sunshine, although it looks like the heat is picking up again next week (and it has been nice this Friday lunch time!).

The start of term is always a time of transition and I have been amazed at how well so many have settled back in to the routines and expectations of school. This is in no small part to the fact that the teachers have worked really hard (led by Miss Carter our behaviour lead) to reintroduce our behaviour curriculum and expectations. We know there will be blips along the way but we are really proud of how our children are responding to these expectations, long may it continue.

We have already held our first parents meeting of the year, where a number of Reception parents came in for a phonics information session. We will be repeating this next Thursday for those who missed it.

There will be more opportunities for you to come into school this year, with open mornings and afternoons. You will be able to look at the children's work and engage in some of their learning (more on this and the survey feedback coming soon).

Next week sees the return of our school led afterschool clubs. These are all run voluntarily by school staff. Thank you to those who are running these.

I will send out a survey in the next few weeks to parents and children to ask what other clubs you would like to see at Wooden Hill and I will try to source some of these through either external or internal options if I can.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

Mr Garner

