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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school at the start of the 2019-20 academic year! I am so pleased to have everyone back in school, ready for new learning. A special welcome to our new Reception starters and the new children joining us at Whittle. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and sharing with you what makes our school so special.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our school. Mr Woods has joined us from Clifford Bridge as the Deputy Headteacher. Miss Webb will be teaching in Nursery this year and Miss Powell is returning to us and will be teaching in Year 2. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Arnott who will be doing her teacher training with us at Whittle. I hope they will all enjoy getting to know our fantastic children and staff.

Curriculum Evening

The teaching staff in years 1 to 6 will be available after school on Wednesday 25th September for you to meet them, hear a brief presentation about the curriculum content for their year group, have a look at your child's new classroom and discuss any aspect of your child's education. This went down extremely well at the start of last academic year. If you have more than one child, the year-group presentation will be run twice. A letter will be sent out with more information nearer the time.

Outdoors

We are very excited that we have a new Outdoor Classroom in the form of a Yurt that we have been lucky enough to acquire from Dol-y-Moch. We are going to spend the next few weeks kitting it out so that it can then be used as an outdoor classroom.

Other information in brief

- **Merit Assemblies** will start on Friday 20th September 2019. We will be holding these assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.00 am for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Reception children will join us later on in the school year.
- **Walking Home from School.** We recommend that only children who are fully street-wise and in Year 5 or above walk home from school on their own. If older siblings are picking children up from school, they must be 14 years or older.

➤ **Diary Dates.** These have been sent out today with the Parent/ Carer Handbook. The class curriculum letters will be sent out next week (13.9.19).

I hope this information proves useful. Please remember you can keep up-to-date with all that goes on at Whittle by reading our weekly newsletter, visiting our website and keeping an eye on Twitter. You can always come in and talk to us too.

Yours sincerely.

Michelle Harris
Headteacher