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Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome back all of the children to the start of another school year. As usual the children have come to school immaculately dressed and as I have visited each class it became very evident to me just how much I have missed your wonderful children. The teachers have spent much time and effort preparing their classrooms and they all look amazing and I am sure your children will be happy and enjoy their new school year. To this end can I please ask you to ensure that your children's items of clothing coats, PE kit and footwear are clearly labelled so that we can quickly return any misplaced items and reduce potential anxiety and even tears. I suggest that you use a good marker pen for shoes, pumps, trainers and wellies.

We have only been in school for two days but I already feel as if I have never been away and the kind comments that you continue to give me make me realise just what a special place our school is and how much I have missed the children but also talking to you before and after school. It is this special relationship that continues to enable our children to flourish and I am constantly amazed by the standard of their work and the way that they interact and support each other both in class and during playtimes.

This will be a short letter as the main point of it is to inform you and your children of the activities that are available by way of our after school club provision, these are on the back of this letter and I would encourage your children to participate and have a go.

As mentioned at the end of the last school year we shall be communicating to you via Parentmail and all newsletters including after school information will be made available to you via Parentmail and the school app which I understand most of you use and find convenient and informative. This will be the final paper copy in a drive to save money and unnecessary paper wastage. Individual classes may send home reminders for day to day class information.

The summer term can often cause issues around earrings. It has been and continues to be the governors policy that earrings should not be worn in school. Can you please ensure that this request is complied with as it also has the potential to cause unnecessary anxiety if children continue to come to school wearing earrings.

Payments for all monies can be made via cash or Parentmail, we are no longer accepting cheques.

I am once again delighted to be back and although I have been instructed to take it easy as you can imagine I am finding that quite a challenge. I will however try my best to follow the advice that I have been given but it is difficult when there are so many exciting and amazing things going on in all of the classes throughout the school day and indeed when school has finished.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that everything surrounding my illness has gone as well as could be possibly expected and both the medical teams and the cancer team at Clatterbridge have been more than pleased with my progress and rate of recovery. I have been discharged by Clatterbridge and will now see the surgical team towards the end of this month where various tests and scans will assess the impact of the chemotherapy treatment. As far as I am concerned everything is great and as I am generally a very positive person I am looking forward to a positive outcome. I will of course keep you informed as so many of you regularly ask me how things are going I feel it is the right thing to do to share this information with you.

I look forward to working with you throughout the coming year and providing your children with the very best support and guidance in all that we do.