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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back!

It was a delight to welcome everybody back to school last week. The children came back refreshed, happy and ready to learn, thank you for your help with this.

It is a new term, with new beginnings and I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that our school vision of providing the highest possible standard of education for all our children through 'Learning and Growing Together' is still at the forefront of everything that we do. Our whole staff team are committed to encouraging your child to reach their full potential both academically and socially. It is my privilege to be able to lead on this and serve our community over the next two terms as Acting Headteacher, ably supported by Mrs McLelland as Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Thank you to those of you that returned the parent questionnaires that were sent at the end of last term. The Senior Leadership Team and Governors have reviewed these and your comments have been supportive in helping us understand how you feel things are going for your children.

Working in partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and successful is important to us – please don't hesitate to speak to any of the staff involved with your child if you have anything you are concerned about – or if you are particularly proud of something that is going well. It is important to me that you feel you can speak with me about your children, so please do catch me on the playground or send a message through the office for me to get in contact with you should you feel there is something that needs to be shared.

School Value

This half term, our focus school value is **Respect**. We will be exploring this value through our school assemblies and thinking about how we can apply it in our day to day lives.

Winter bugs

You may have seen in the recent news that winter bugs are still very much in circulation. Public Health UK have issued the following reminders:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to an education or childcare

setting when they no longer have a high temperature without medication and they are well enough in themselves.

- Practise regular handwashing with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, you should wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. Getting children vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late. You can get more information on getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK.

Please see the attached poster which gives guidance as to when children should stay off school with specific common winter bugs.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th January: Year 4 Kilve stage 3 payment due

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Lois Bowery