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Dear Parents/carers

I would like to start by welcoming you all back after the summer break and by saying a big welcome to all our new families joining us this year. We have had a settled start to the year with children working hard and settling into their new classes. All children in year 1-6 should have now received their knowledge organisers so that you can see what your child is learning this term.

We have welcomed back Miss Williams and Mrs Gates after maternity leave and have welcomed Mr Woodcock into year 4 and Miss Robinson into Year 1. We would also like to congratulate Ms Bailey on getting married over the summer. She will now be known as Mrs Robertson in school.

We were pleased to be able to share our OFSTED report with you all and we are proud of how hard all our staff worked. We have taken on board any areas discussed

Communication

One of the comments that came up in the parent's survey was around communication. Some parents thought that we had too many ways of communicating and others felt that they didn't have enough information. Over the next half term we will be transitioning into using dojo for messages and reminders from class teachers. All photos and class messages will be shared through dojo and we will be moving away from X. Teachers will not be able to reply to dojo messages and contact to teachers should only be done through email. If you don't have the teachers email this can be sent to the office and it will be passed on. Whole school messages and letters will continue to be sent through the gateway app so it is important that you inform the office if your email changes.

Clubs

Clubs will start this week. They are very sports heavy this term but this is to allow these clubs to be carried out whilst we still have light nights and better weather. Over the next year we plan to have a variety of clubs that children can attend.

Music Tuition

We currently have availability for children from Y2-Y6 to learn how to play the keyboard. Keyboards are available for the children to use in school, the cost of the

music tuition is £57.50. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you think your child would be interested in this please contact the school office.

Dates

Over the next week we will be finalising our calendar for this year. In the meantime, I have shared some dates that are coming up this term.

September	
Tuesday 17 th 2.45pm	Fundraising meeting
Wednesday 18 th 3.30pm	Horizon meeting for parents
October	
Tuesday 1 st 3.30pm	SATS information meeting for parents
Thursday 10 th	World mental health day- wear yellow
Tuesday 22 nd	Y5/6 Ripon trip
Thursday 24 th	Halloween/non uniform dress up day. Please note before choosing costumes that no mask or face coverings should be worn.

Kind regards,

Mrs Athorn and the Shawland's team