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Dear Families, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year. I hope that you have all had a lovely holiday and managed to enjoy the weather and have a break. I am writing to inform you of the updates as the year begins.

This week we have welcomed back all students in the ARP and have been joined by our new staff. We are looking forward to seeing students, staff reconnecting and developing new relationships.

For the Autumn term our topic is Autumn at School. We will be making cross curricular links to teach English, Maths, Science, Humanities, PSHE, RE, Art and P.E. lessons around this topic.

We will resume our swimming lessons on **Thursday the 14th of September**. Our weekly swimming day has changed to a **Thursday**. Please be reminded to send a swimming kit on this day, which must include swimming trunks/costume, a towel and a swimming hat. Our PE day is Friday and we would like the children to change into a PE kit as part of their life skills education so could you please ensure you send a kit into school.

As part of our curriculum, we will also deliver specialised interventions and a life skills programme. The working relationship that we have established with external agencies is vital to build upon our existing strengths. We will receive support from the Speech and Language Therapist and Educational Psychologist. The collaborative work between school and external agencies has been extremely successful and we all have a very important role in promoting the children's positive development.

We would also like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of the collaborative work between the school, parents and external agencies. We will be sending home a home-school link book so that information can be shared between school and home frequently. We encourage you to share a book together with your child at home to continue to support the development of a love of reading. There is no doubt that we will be Reaching Our Goals Together.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work in partnership to support your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information regarding our academic year.

Kind regards,

Nicola John, Sharon Ward and the ARP Team

