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Hello, everyone,

As we approach the end of the first week, I thought I'd write to thank you for the smooth start to the term. It's been wonderful to see the children settling down to their new routines and teachers really making the best possible start to the new academic year. Thank you too for your support in ensuring the children have their sun hats and water bottles and are dressed appropriately for the very hot weather. There are no signs of this abating just yet, so please do keep sending the children in their PE kit, or if preferable, their summer dresses.

Moving into next week, please do look out for PINGS from your child's teacher where they'll be outlining the topics being covered in class and crucially how you can support them at home with their learning. These communications will be sent home fortnightly on Fridays. In addition, we'll also be in touch to invite parents of children who receive STARS OF THE WEEK to our Celebration Assemblies which are held on Fridays at 2.30pm. Reception children will begin attending these when they've really settled in, so around Half Term isn't uncommon – late October. Year 1 to Year 6 will begin immediately.

I'll be in a position to share our School Improvement Plan with you after our Governor's Meeting on September 19th, however, we can expect attendance and punctuality to feature heavily. You'll have seen in national news that schools are under increasing pressure to ensure children are in school and on time given the fall in rates post pandemic. I'll be monitoring attendance and punctuality very closely this term and will be in contact with families to offer support where needed. Just a reminder that children need to be in school by 8.50am every day. Our working relationship has always been very important to me, however, on this matter, my hands are tied and fines are issues by the local authority for persistent absence and poor punctuality. Please do get in contact if you're concerned and would like to meet with me; I'll gladly make time. Our attendance target is 97% - 5 days absence per year, per child on average.

Last, please remember that October 20th is an INSET Day – staff will be at Cardinal Newman in a shared Newman Family of Schools INSET Day and we'll be closed to children. The following week, October 23rd to 27th inclusive, is Half Term.

Wishing you a wonderful term, everyone!

Kind regards

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