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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. It was wonderful to see the children coming in through the school gate with smiles on their faces this morning. We are delighted to welcome the thirty new Wrens who started today and the three children in Eagles. We are looking forward to getting to know our new children over the coming term.

News

The school has been a busy place over the holiday and the children will be benefitting from some of the changes. At long last we have a new swimming pool floor and it makes such a difference. Swimming sessions begin again next week: Tuesday - Years 1 & 2, Wednesday – Years 3 & 4 and on Friday Years 5 & 6. We also have new picnic benches in the area above the Quiet Garden. This will give the children a sheltered area when they have their packed lunches outside. In addition, outdoor gym equipment has been installed at the top end of the field which has already caused much excitement among the children. FOBS paid for the pool flooring and half the cost of the outdoor gym equipment and picnic benches. We are hugely grateful to the many staff and FOBS members who worked hard to make it possible, especially Mr Rayner, Miss Thomas, Mrs Potter and Nuala.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

A reminder that next week we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for each year group from Y1 – Y6. These meetings will take place at 2:45 pm in your child's classroom (come through the main gate). Teachers will be going through the new class routines and offering advice on how you can help your child. A summary will be provided in next week's overview in case you are not able to attend. Dates for each year group are on the school website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar>

Contact Details

Please ensure we have at least two emergency telephone numbers and your correct email address. It is important that you let the office know as soon as possible if any of your details change so please keep us updated.

Severe Nut Allergy

One of our pupils has a severe nut allergy. No food containing nuts should be brought into school so please check contents of packed lunches very carefully, especially cereal bars and chocolate spreads.



Second hand Uniform Sale

FOBS will be holding a second-hand uniform sale in the paddock shortly but if you have struggled with the cost of uniform, please speak to Claire in the office as we have supplies of pre-loved uniform that we will be able to give you.

Blessing of the Back pack

Rev T has asked me to inform you all of a special service that will be taking place at St John's on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 am. Children can bring their school bags to be blessed at this service.

Finally, the staff and I would like to thank you for the many kind messages, cards and gifts received at the end of last year. The positive messages were a real boost – thank you for all your support.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



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