

# Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer and that the children are settling back into school life happily. It has been wonderful to see their smiles and enthusiasm as we start a new school year together.

The first two days have flown by, and the children have already been busy with their learning as well as discussing rules, routines and our school value for this term, respect. It is always such a joy to see classrooms buzzing with energy and curiosity again!

We are so pleased to have welcomed our new Reception children into the Ilsington family this week. They have settled in beautifully and brought lots of smiles and energy to school already. A very special moment was seeing them join the whole school for their very first collective worship—our older pupils were so proud to welcome them and show them what being part of our school community is all about.

Thank you for making sure the children have come back so smartly dressed and ready for school – it really does set a positive tone for the term ahead.

As always, please do keep an eye on ParentPay and the school diary dates for upcoming trips, events, and important reminders. Club lists will be sent our early next week to sign up to as well as curriculum maps.

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Finally, thank you again for your continued support. We are looking forward to a brilliant year ahead full of learning, fun, and community togetherness.

With best wishes, **Kat Williams** Academy Head

## Annual Permission Forms

Next week, we will be sending out our annual permission forms. These cover important areas such as trips, dietary requirements, photo consent, and internet use. Please take the time to read them carefully and return them to school as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure all children are included in activities.

#### Home-time Collection

Just a reminder that if your child is being picked up by another adult, please can you ensure you e-mail the office at adminilsington@thelink.academy or give verbal permission to a member of staff on the gate. This information will be passed on to your child's class teacher to allowing a safe and smooth collection at the end of the day.

### School Day Timings

Here is a reminder of the timings for our school day:

Gates open: 8:45am School begins: 9:00am (prompt) Late arrival - Please enter through the

Between 9:00am and 9:15am – children will be marked as *late*. After 9:15am – this will be marked as an *unauthorised absence*.

End of school day: 3:30pm

At the end of the day, staff will escort the children to the EYFS/KS1 or KS2 playground where they can be collected safely.

## Lost Property

We have a considerable amount of lost property items left from last year. Please do come and check if anything belongs to your child at the office. To help us return items more easily, please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly named.