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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now at the end of our second full week of the autumn term, and I would like to thank you for the smart and positive way in which the children have returned to school. They have settled well into routines and are already approaching their learning with energy and enthusiasm.

Our new topic, Noticing Nature through Journaling, is proving to be a great success. The children are engaging thoughtfully with the seasonal changes around them, making scientific observations as they explore and record what they notice in nature.

A few helpful reminders as we settle into the new term:-

As the weather begins to turn cooler, please ensure your child has wellingtons and suitable warm clothing in school so that we can continue to make use of our outdoor spaces. For PE, we will also remain outside for as long as possible. We therefore recommend tracksuit bottoms and jumpers without hoods as additional layers. (Attached Flyer which is also on our website). Please note that PE days are not non-uniform days—children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform for these lessons. For Otters class, PE will now also take place on Tuesdays as well as their usual Friday, and children should attend school in PE kit on both occasions.

We are proud to be a healthy school, and this means that snacks brought from home should reflect this ethos. On Monday, we were delighted to welcome our Norse manager and chef, who launched our new Healthy Options Swap. Children were encouraged to try healthy alternatives like the courgette and orange cake they enjoyed during our assembly. This work links closely with our first extra after-school club, Cookery, where children will have the chance to bake and prepare healthy snacks to share with their classmates to encourage healthier swap options.

Alongside this, it has been encouraging to see children bringing their water bottles daily—thank you for supporting us in developing these good habits.

To support the smooth running of lunchtimes, please remember that school meals must be pre-booked via School Money. This enables the kitchen to plan effectively. If you experience any difficulties with the system, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

Reading books have now begun going home. We are asking for three home reads each week as part of homework, and each three reads will contribute towards pupils earning Horning Merits, which can also be awarded for effort and achievement in class. To ensure pupils make the most of reading opportunities, school reading books should be brought into school daily, allowing adults to read with children and change books when necessary. Merits will be collected and redeemed weekly through our shop, run by Year 6 pupils, which is already proving to be a highlight of the week.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring such a smooth and successful start to the school year. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months.

Mrs J Bellison
Head of School