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School starts at 8.50am (FS 9am). Please ensure children are in class in plenty of time. Please pick your child up promptly at the end of the day at 3.30pm.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all ready for half term and a break from the school routine.

#### Staffing

Over this term, there have been some staffing changes. Mrs Maddams left the school at the end of January as she relocated to the New Forest with her family. Mrs Maddams worked at the school for many years and has helped so many children. I am sure she will enjoy her new home and I wish her all the best for the future. Two new Learning Support Assistants have joined the team. I would like to welcome Ali Colton and Gemma Lloyd to Hawkedon.

#### Stars of the Week

The school will continue rewarding children with the Values Award and Star of the Week. However, parents will no longer receive individual emails to advise them of the reward. The school office was sending out over 50 individual emails and unfortunately this was too time consuming. Children who receive awards will be given a certificate or badge and their pictures will continue to be placed on the school website.

#### Parents' Evening

This week you will be invited to book a slot for parents' evening. Please make sure you book online as usual. Slots are limited to 10 minutes and if you need to discuss your child's progress in a longer meeting, please contact the school office for a different appointment. Mrs Morley will be available to discuss any SEND matters as will Mrs Clarke who will report on music. If you want to see Mrs Morley or Mrs Clarke please book via the Parentmail online appointment booking system.

#### Safeguarding

This week the school are participating in Internet Safety week. The children will attend a special assembly and complete work on how to stay safe when online. The Year 6 children had additional lessons on the use of social media as more and more children are now accessing different sites. However, although the school is trying to educate pupils, problems still arise with children messaging each other outside of school and this can often lead to upset and anxiety. I ask that parents are vigilant as to the sites children are accessing and discuss with their child the appropriate way to communicate. I believe social media is here to stay but children need to be educated in school and at home regarding the best way to use it.

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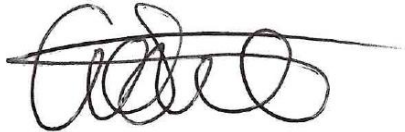
I have been informed about another app called ROBLOX that some parents may deem unsuitable for younger children. Parents may want to check if their child/children are using this app appropriately.

### Outside Area

You may have noticed that there is some construction taking place at the back of the field. Unfortunately the goats are not returning but we are building an outside learning area where children will learn about flowers, animals and how to grow plants. There will also be a construction area. In the future we will be looking for volunteers to help us so if you do have 'green fingers' and can offer some time to the school please let me know.

Have a lovely break.

Kind regards,



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