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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you have all enjoyed a happy summer holiday.

The first week has been very busy and it has flown by. The children all look very smart in their uniform, we do appreciate parents following the uniform policy and it helps us in many ways, not least our local community knowing that our fantastic young people are proud to be part of our school.

I would like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for their support in the change to morning routine by encouraging children to access school independently. The change has benefited the whole school; all classes were settled and ready to work at 8.50am on the first day.

We now have our House Groups established, they are:

St Aidan
St Oswald
St Hild
St Cuthbert

They are all Saints with a link to the North; we will spend time in school providing background information on each Saint so that the children fully understand the significance of each one. Children will be grouped in houses from all classes, siblings will be in the same house. Each week we will announce the house with the highest points total and there will be a trophy to be displayed in the Hall.

The supplier of our payments system has made some late changes to the system as a result of a restructuring of the company. This has meant we have been unable to use the payments system as before but we have now identified a new payments system that should be in place by the end of September. This has been completely outside our control and I can only apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, in the meantime payments can be made directly to school (cheques need to be made payable to TCLT).

We are currently finalising our diary dates and this list will be with you early next week. We are looking at some new opportunities for our pupils, which include sending a choir of our older pupils to Newcastle City Hall to take part in an event organised by CLIC Sargent (details will follow).

We will continue to keep you informed of the exciting events being held in school.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year. As ever, if you have any queries or concerns, please see a member of staff or myself.

A.P. Hudson
Exec Headteacher

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