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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a Happy New Year to you all. Term has started well and all the children are back into routine.

The reason for my letter today is that I wanted to let you know about a new initiative that we are trying at Stedham Primary School. Academic achievement is of course incredibly important, but at this school we believe that it is our job to help develop 'the whole child' and offer them experiences beyond the National Curriculum that will:

- Give children lasting positive memories
- Allow them the opportunity to try new things out and find out what they might enjoy or even be good at
- Enable opportunities to develop essential life skills

In the past we have tried to do this through ad hoc enrichment days or annual weeks (which we will keep doing) but we wanted to try something new.

From today, once a week, the children will be divided up into four mixed age groups (which happen to be their sports day teams). They will then spend an hour every Wednesday afternoon in an enrichment activity run by one of the teachers and supported by other members of staff. The plan is that each half term the activities will change and/or rotate. The first four activities this half term are:

- Embroidery
- Lego Bridge Building Challenge
- Gardening and Growing
- Active Bodies

Please ask your child today and each Wednesday about what they have done that afternoon. We appreciate any feedback to help us further shape and improve this idea, which is as yet in its early stages.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Dreckmann".

Sally Dreckmann



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