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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be another exciting year ahead!

It was lovely to see all the children returning to school, happy and refreshed after an unusually warm summer. Long may the lovely weather continue!

We would like to welcome Mrs Sarah Sakaki, the new Squirrel Class teacher and our new Reception children. We would also like to welcome Lilja to Squirrels Class.

Our new topic for this term is 'Take One Flight' – further information will follow in next week's Newsletter. A key focus for this year will be the continued development of outdoor learning throughout the year. Please provide your child with appropriate clothing which can be left at school (welly boots, waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket).

The importance of being 'kind' will be central to our thoughts and behaviours this year. We will be celebrating all aspects of kindness throughout the school day and at our weekly Celebration Assembly.

We are desperately seeking lunchtime supervisors to help cover lunchtimes at school. If you are able to help, please contact the office for further details.

Please note that we have had to change the INSET date in October to Thursday, October 18th, NOT Friday, 19th. The staff from the Skylark Federation along with those from Newick, Wivelsfield and Meridian will be attending training with the internationally-renowned curriculum innovator Hywel Roberts. This is all part of our continued work to make our curriculum even better. Mr James apologises for this change from the date previously advised.

If you have any questions regarding your child and their new class, please speak to the Class Teacher at the end of the day when they will be happy to help.

Mrs R Force

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