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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I would just like to say on behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you to all parents and carers for the very generous gifts we each received at the end the summer term. It was very much appreciated. All staff have been back at school, both today and yesterday, preparing for the return of the children on Monday. The wonderful Richard has been in school over the summer holidays painting the hall and various other areas of the school making it look all fresh and new.

We have many lovely things planned for the coming term, including the Happiness Project, which is a real focus on mental health and wellbeing. We will be keeping you informed of the weekly topics we are covering every Friday in the newsletter.

We are also looking to introduce a number of whole school initiatives to support our local community, in what looks to be a very difficult few months ahead through the winter, due to the cost of living prices increasing and gas and electric costs soaring. We will be starting a St John's Swap Shop! With this, we will have second hand school uniform available in a range of sizes for parents and careers to swap for a smaller item of uniform that no longer fits your child, or to swap for a donation into our new school food bank that we will be starting. We will keep you informed with more details of when the swap shop will be open and available to parents. It will be led mainly by our new school House Captains, once they are elected. We feel the initiatives above are not only a great way for us to support our local community, but also an excellent opportunity to drive sustainability with the reusing of school uniform. If you do have any old school uniform you would like to donate at any point, please drop it into the school office.

In addition to this letter, I have sent a document listing the whole staff team for 2022/23. All staff will be available on the playground at various points next week, please come and introduce yourself to us and say hello. Class teachers will be setting up Class Dojo accounts next week and will make contact with all of you through that channel. Parents evening will be held the week beginning 19th September, we will inform you nearer the time of when and how to book.

Enjoy the final weekend of the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate from 8.50am on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

