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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year and an especial welcome to all those families who have just started at Sarratt. We have enjoyed a good first couple of weeks back and the school has settled back into some good routines.

Respect

Our focus this half term is 'Respect'. This means that a lot of the discussions we will have during assemblies will be built around the theme of respect in all its guises.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

The first round of meetings when you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress so far and agree next steps will be on the evenings of Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. The appointment forms will be available just inside the main entrance from 8.00am on Monday 2nd October. After that they will be available from the class teacher. These are a formal opportunity for you to come in to discuss your child's progress. Clearly if there are other issues that arise please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly in the first instance.

Staff Training Day and Half Term

The school will be closed to children on Friday 20th October for staff training. The half term break will be the week immediately after starting on Monday 23rd October. The second half of term starts on Monday 30th October.

Other dates for the term ahead

Some other dates for you to note are listed below. As we get nearer to each event there may be more details coming out.

Sunday 24th September – Harvest Service at Holy Cross (walking from school at 9.15am)

Wednesday 4th October – Sarratt Festival of Music

Thursday 7th December – Cornerstones Open Morning (opportunity for you to come in first thing to see your child's work)

Sunday 10th December – Carols on the Green at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch

Wednesday 13th December P.M. – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December A.M. – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December P.M. – Key Stage 2 Christmas show

Friday 15th December A.M. – Key Stage 2 Christmas show

Tuesday 19th December – Break-up at 2.15pm

Harvest Gifts

We will be having our own Harvest Day next Friday 22nd September. Children are invited to bring any food donations with a long shelf life. We are planning to donate them to the local foodbank so it would be best to avoid fresh produce. Otherwise all donations, whether large



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or small, will be very gratefully received and will certainly be put to very good use supporting local people.

Pilates Club

A Pilates club has been set-up for 8.00am each Thursday morning. Pilates is very good for building core strength and stretching exercises. If you have a child in Key Stage 2 who might be interested in joining please speak to one of the office staff.

Helping at Home

The children will have regular tasks to complete at home. Sometimes these tasks will reinforce their learning. Sometimes they will give the children an opportunity to practise or research something related to their learning in school. The children are encouraged to read every day and I would ask you to encourage your child with this either by reading with them, reading to them, listening to them read or by letting them see you reading for pleasure and information. The children will also have spellings to learn and practise. The best way is to practise writing them out so that the children become familiar with the flow of the letters. Please also encourage them to utilise their phonics skills and to recall the letter patterns they have been learning in school when trying to recall their spellings. The children are also completing maths work each day and at varying stages will be learning basic counting, number bonds, times tables and associated division facts. Any assistance you can offer in supporting your child to become increasingly familiar with their number skills will provide them with a huge boost with their maths work in school. 'Little and often' is usually preferable to extended sessions and can help to make the practice more enjoyable.

As always if there are issues we can help with please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Co-Headteacher