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Welcome back!

We trust that you all managed to have an enjoyable summer and that your children are excited about being back at school and enjoying the new school year.

Our last year had many exciting moments –and who would have thought that the opening of the school playground would have been attended by Bishop Adrian and the future leader of the Labour Party! The school SATS results were very encouraging and we hope that last year's year 6 are all enjoying their new schools.

This year we welcome two new teachers Mr Hugh Darbyshire for year 3 and Ms Barbara Dickey for Nursery as well as becoming our Early Years Leader. Mr Darbyshire already knows St John's as he worked here during his training year. Ms Dickey has had extensive early years experience and we are delighted that they have joined us.

As we start the new year the governors continue to promote our school vision to achieve the highest academic standards through excellence in teaching and learning. In order to do this we strive to work with the school team supporting your children as best we can.

Last year we looked at helping everyone to ensure that the children all arrive at school on time and ready to start the day. The start of the new year is encouraging and we hope that everyone will continue to strive to improve our attendance. Children feel so much better when they start on time with their class mates.

We also looked to encourage parents and carers to support children's reading at home. This will be a focus for the school starting this term. The school will be holding reading sessions with parents to help you fully understand what the school is doing to ensure your children learn to read and enjoy reading and to provide guidance on how you can support them with reading at home.

We look forward to the rest of the term, continuing to challenge your children to thrive, achieving the best that they possibly can and thriving in an encouraging environment aimed at helping your children to be successful, rounded and happy individuals.

On behalf of the governing body

Sue Hallam

Chair of Governors

