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Briefing Letter

Welcome back to school and welcome to the new children who have started with us this week. We hope you had a lovely summer break, and are ready for another year of learning! There are lots of new things happening this year and these are some that we will be launching this week.

New Behaviour Systems

As you may have heard from your children, we are using a new Behaviour Policy this year in school. This is rather different to the one we've used before but we know that it will work really well. If you would like to find out more about this, please come and see us on Thursday 7th September at 2.30pm or 5.30pm, and we can share our new policy with you! These new structures will allow us to keep a better track on how well children are doing in school, but will also allow us to support those children who are not always doing the right thing. There are plenty of rewards for children who are doing the right thing, including many trips and visits!

Key Stage 2 Planners

Key Stage 2 children also now have a planner, which will allow us to communicate what is happening in school much more efficiently. If children have had any negative points in school that day, this will be recorded in the planner, so parents can speak to their children about it at home. There is also a space where we will record positive points at the end of the week. Please find below some examples of the code you may see written in the child's planner:

Code	What this means
A number (1, 3 or 5)	This means they have been given this number of points for disrupting learning.
'On Call'	This means they have been asked not to disrupt learning 3 times in the day, and have therefore completed their learning with SLT.

We are still asking for you to record reading in these booklets, but rather than making a comment, we are simply asking for you to tick on the days where your child has read at home.

Key Stage 2 children **MUST** bring their planners to school every day and this is really important. Children need to take pride in their possessions and this is part of their training to do so! If children lose their planner, or it is damaged, there will be a £3 charge to purchase a new one.

The Nether Edge University

Children may also be talking about 'The Nether Edge University' (don't worry – were not sending them to University just yet!). We have launched an enrichment afternoon on a Friday where the children will participate in lots of different activities including cooking, art and orienteering! Watch this space for further information.

New members of staff in school

You may have seen some new faces in school and we are really pleased to have them here! Mr Morris, Ms Charles and Mrs Harris have all joined the teaching staff this year. Mrs Williams and Mrs Kidd are also now back from their maternity leave. Mrs McNair and Miss Wild are both expecting another baby so they will be going off on maternity leave before Christmas.

We also have a new lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Tafique, who has started with us today.

Homework

As some of you know, we had a Homework Forum (quite a while ago!). There has been a delay in the new homework systems (as we are waiting for new books to arrive) but we are very excited about this and will share this with you as soon as possible. Homework will continue as normal until the books arrive.

Yours faithfully

Katie Hall

Headteacher