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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a first week!

It is a delight to wish each of you a very warm welcome back to Grazebrook for the new academic year. In particular, I would like to welcome all our new pupils and their families, in Nursery, Reception and in other year groups across the school. I have been very impressed by how well they have all settled in and how quickly they have felt at home and I am sure they will continue to flourish in our fabulous school. It was, of course also lovely to see all our returning families on Wednesday. I do hope that you all had a restful break as we have a very busy and exciting term planned here at Grazebrook.

Thank you all who have attended our Meet the Teacher events; Curriculum leaflets have also already come home as well as an introduction to our Senior Leadership Team. This week will see the launch of our new home learning concept – Maker Mats, more on that on Friday! Next week we will also be sending home our Reading Journals as part of our continued commitment to encouraging pupils' reading for pleasure.

A few reminders from me to begin the term please - I ask that, when the children are lined up, ready to enter that building, that you step back from the lines to allow the teachers to take the children into the building safely and quickly. A bell rings at 8.53 am to remind pupils to get ready in their lines and another at 8.55 am to signal the move in to class.

This year we will be changing the way we do Come Dine with Me. We will no longer be able to host parents to eat with their children weekly but will instead be inviting parents in to join us for lunch on the day of their class's Come Learn With Me sessions. More information on these sessions will follow shortly.

Bulletins will now be coming out fortnightly rather than weekly, look out for it next week full of exciting photographs, news and dates. I would also like to send the bulletins out via email so will be contacting you soon to check email addresses for all of our families.

This year we will be continuing our quest to encourage creativity. I am sure that the children have already spoken about our new 'Maker Spaces' and how we will be encouraging them to design and create exciting projects and tasks for their home learning as well as in class.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents who are continuing to donate books through our joint initiative with the PSA. We will of course continue to welcome children's books throughout the school year.

Further information about events and special dates to add to your calendar for the Autumn Term will be following very soon. These are also available on the school website. If you have any questions our teachers are more than happy to discuss any concerns with you but should you need to talk to any of the school leaders, please make an appointment through the school office.

I wish you all a very successful and prosperous school year.

Kind regards,

Jess Hutchison
Headteacher