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Dear Parents/carers

Happy New Year! I do hope that you have had a lovely, restful and enjoyable summer with your families. It was a delight to welcome the children back today; tanned, healthy and happy and some considerably taller too! There were a few inevitable tears and uncertainties. I can assure you that by 9.30am it was business as usual and it was as if we had never been away. So my message is that as hard as it is, please don't worry about the occurrences of such events. They will happen...often when we least expect it! I can assure you that we are here to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of your child and will nurture them through such episodes.

I thought that it would be helpful today to send home some information for this week. On Friday, you will receive a hard copy of our newsletter which will come home in a brown envelope. A full information pack! There is the opportunity for us to discuss the contents of this with you at our Parent Forum meeting on Friday after church at 9.30am. This is a valuable meeting that outlines our activity and intentions for the year. I hope to see lots of you there.

This week, we are facilitating our: **Meet the Teacher** meetings. They are scheduled as follows:

Today: Eagles

Wednesday: Blackbirds

Thursday: Peacocks

This is an opportunity for you with your child and their classmates to hear from teachers all about the routine, structure and expectations of the class. Meetings take place at 2.45pm in your child's class. I will also be in attendance. We recognise and value immensely the role and responsibility that we all play in your child's education and therefore like to ensure that you are fully involved at every point. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thursday is a big day for some of our year 6 children who will be taking the **Kent Test** in school. Please note that arrangements are such that I will not be in school on this day, but overseeing the Kent Test at Newington. Mrs Godfrey, Head of School at Newington will be at Hartlip and Miss McCabe will be deputising in my absence. We like our children to feel settled and at ease for such procedures. Therefore, if your child is taking the Kent Test on Thursday, they are invited to cooked breakfast in school at 8am. An opportunity to relax with their friends, to chill and be spoilt before facing what I have to say is a challenging day. The children involved will undertake the test in the familiarity of their own classroom with Mrs Hunt administering, overseen by Mrs Godfrey. The children will have breaks between tests with snacks and juice provided. The rest of Eagles Class will be with Mrs Burrows and Mrs Stanford. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

Friday: Parent Forum at 9.30am in the school hall. Come hear about the evaluation of last year, our school plan for this year, our term 1 headlines, what's new and our commitment to your child's happiness and fulfilment in the year ahead.

I attach overleaf the menu for this term.

I look forward to a very happy and successful year ahead together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Jerome

Headteacher

