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Dear Parents.

We would like to welcome you all to Langton at the start of another school year. The staff are really pleased to be back in school, and the children are equally excited to be back with their friends. We particularly welcome all new children and their families into the Langton School community. As you will have seen from Mrs Ray's letter at the end of the first week, the children have all settled in well and are working hard. There is the usual 'buzz' around school which all visitors comment on.

All the staff have been working hard on further developing our school curriculum which the children are finding interesting and which is planned to develop their skills and knowledge as they progress through school. Please look at the curriculum section on the school website which will give you a lot more information

As a small village school, all our children come from similar backgrounds which is very different from larger urban schools. It is important that they learn more about different cultures and values as they grow up in the world today. This term has started with a Diversity and British Values theme week. Mrs Ray and team have more ideas for other activities on this theme this term.

Our children got good results in their SATs tests at the end of last term, but as you will have seen and heard from the media, the Covid pandemic has had an adverse impact on lots of children, particularly the younger ones who learn so much in a short time. At Langton, we are aware of this impact and will nurture and develop all the children, putting in place catch-up sessions if needed to ensure that they are not disadvantaged. "Our vision is for Langton to be an excellent school, where outstanding practice and a nurturing ethos enable every child to thrive" and you can see how we will do this in the Aims & Values section under the 'About Us' heading on the website. The governors and staff always have the Aims and Values at the forefront of our minds in everything we do.

Last term we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Laverack who had been such a key member of staff for so long, but we are sure she will be busy with all the new 'projects' she had planned - especially spending more time with her grandchildren.

Following Mrs Laverack's retirement, Derwent Class is now being taught by Miss Oscroft. Having completed her first year as an Early Career Teacher (ECT), Miss Oscroft has become an integral member of the staff team. Mrs Ray will continue as her Induction Tutor, and Mrs Bowman, her mentor and we are confident that she will be a worthy successor to Mrs Laverack.

> Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

We are always very happy to discuss your thoughts and ideas at any time. Our details can be found on the school website under the Governors section and we can be contacted via Sam in the school office.

The governors really value your continued support, both for the encouragement and support you give your children and also the help with FOLs, trips and other activities.

We look forward to another successful and action-packed school year.

The Langton Governing Board