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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have settled quickly into their new classes, looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. We have also been delighted to welcome a number of new children and families to our school community, and we hope they will soon feel very much at home. At the end of this first week, I wanted to write with a few important updates and helpful reminders for the term ahead.

Summer Works

A number of important improvements were made to our school building over the summer holidays. These included upgrades to our internal and emergency lighting, the installation of a brand-new, state-of-the-art fire alarm control panel, new external lighting and essential improvements to ceilings in several classrooms across the school. We are very grateful to the local authority for supporting and funding this work, which helps us to ensure that our school remains a safe and welcoming place for all our children and staff.

Sad News

We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent deaths of two people with strong connections to our school community. **Ann Winterburn**, a former Chair of Governors, died recently following a period of illness. Some families may also remember **Laura Weidman**, a former Early Years teacher who left our school a few years ago and sadly died during the summer, also following a period of illness. Both Ann and Laura made valued contributions to our school and will be remembered fondly. We send our love and sincere condolences to their families and friends at this difficult time.

Staffing

Some families may have been expecting to see Mrs Shaw teaching in Years 2 and 4 this term. However, she remains on maternity leave and we hope to welcome her back during the latter part of the autumn term. Until then, **Mrs Walsh will teach Year 2 on Fridays, while Mrs Sparke will teach Year 4 on Mondays** alongside the returning Miss Moss.

Uniform Reminders

Please remember that school **shoes or trainers should be entirely black** and practical enough for the colder and wetter weather ahead. School jumpers and other uniform items are available from the school office, although there is currently a **delay in supplying cardigans** due to a national shortage. If

you would like to order a school fleece for the colder months, please let the office know in plenty of time. We also still a number of items in our lost property at the school office.

House Teams

We apologise for the delay in confirming house-team allocations and the corresponding T-shirt colours for some children. We are working carefully to ensure that children are placed in the correct teams and will contact anyone who is still unsure within the next few days, ahead of PE sessions beginning next week. PE T-shirts are available to purchase from the school office if you need them.

Attendance & Punctuality

Please remember to **report any absence to the school office on the first day your child is away**. If you know that your child will be absent because of an appointment, family event or other planned reason, please inform us in advance and complete a leave of absence request form, available from the school office.

Children should **arrive at school by 8:45am each day**, ready to begin their learning on time. Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance and punctuality.

Clubs

We currently have two after-school clubs planned for this term. Carlisle United will run a **football** club for children in Years 4–6 on Mondays, while Miss Miller and Mrs Brooks will lead Key Stage 2 **choir** on Wednesdays.

We are also hoping to offer Key Stage 2 choir members the exciting opportunity to take part in Young Voices at Manchester's Co-op Live Arena in January 2027. Places may be limited, so please sign up promptly to join choir if your child would like to be involved. Places will be available to book via School Money shortly.

Communication

Please ensure that the school office has your most up-to-date mobile telephone number and email address so that you do not miss any important information.

We also ask all parents and carers to connect to **ClassDojo**. If you are not already connected, you should receive an invitation through the email address registered with school. Please download the ClassDojo app and connect as soon as possible.

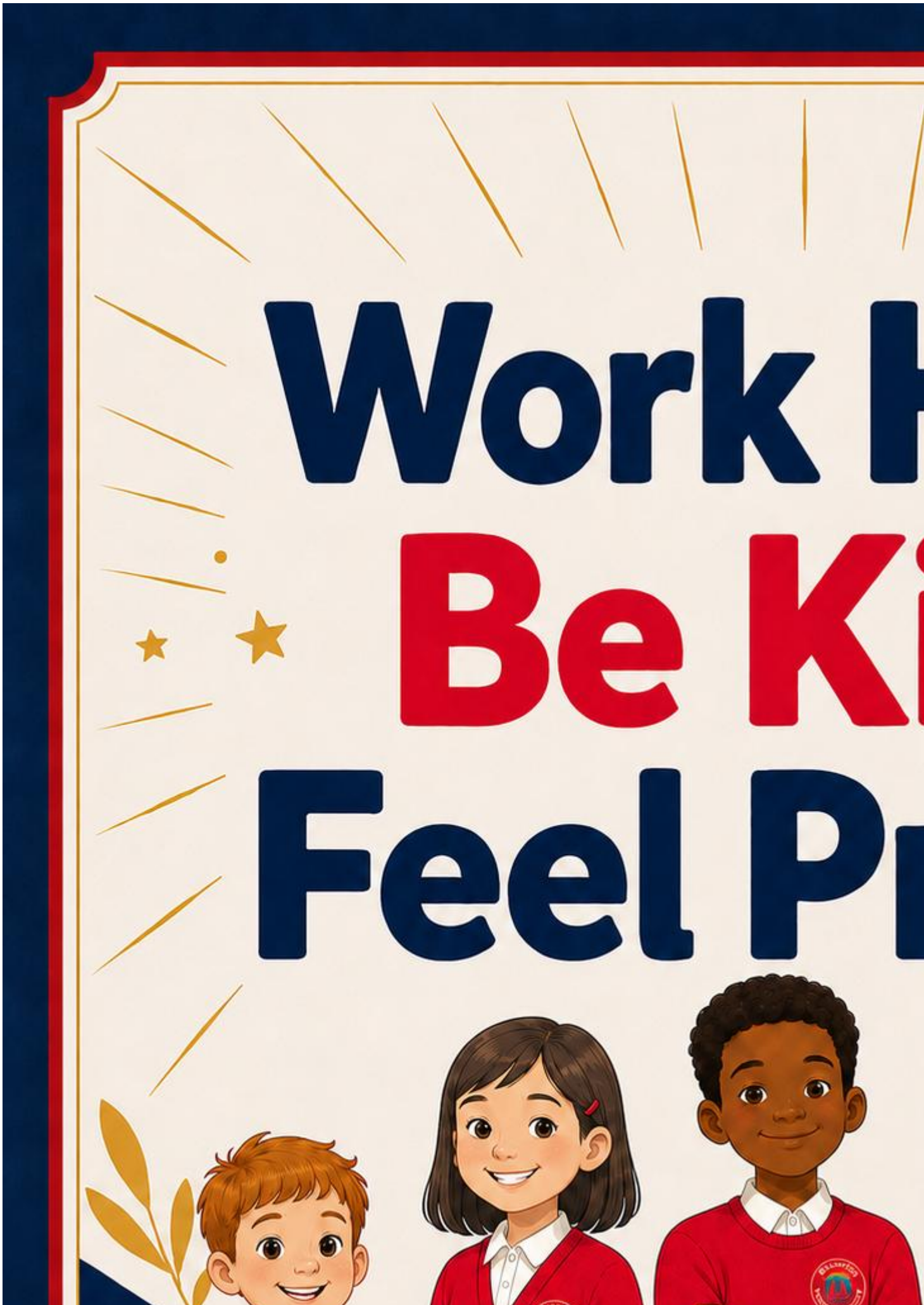
During this school year, we will also be moving towards using the Arbor Parent App as our main communication system. This will give parents and carers greater access to update personal information. Make payments and view details such as their child's attendance more regularly. We will provide further information and support before the new system is introduced.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to working closely with all our children and families and hope that the 2026–27 academic year will be a happy, successful and positive one for everyone in our school community.

Warm Regards,

Mr C Armstrong
Headteacher




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