

# Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a real pleasure seeing how well the children have returned to school over the last two days and settled into their new classes, and into the new school year.

They have really thrown themselves into school life and I have been so impressed with their learning behaviours and the caring attitudes shown towards each other.

Despite the rain, it was also fantastic to have Mr Pierce back to start the term with PE sessions for the children and they loved directing each other safely around the classrooms or being challenged not to drop the ball!

This year as always, we have been joined by lots of new children, and it has been an absolute pleasure welcoming all of our new starters and seeing how much they already add to our school.

I would also like to thank everyone for their warm welcome to Ilsington this week and have enjoyed meeting so many families and chatting with you at our 'Hug in the Mug' sessions. Also, a big thankyou to the Friends of Ilsington for supporting with this event!

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Kat Williams

Academy Head



### Data Forms

As you will have seen, data and permission forms have been sent out this week. Please can we ask you send these back as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct permissions and information held. If you have any problems accessing the forms, please speak with Mrs Thompson in the office and she will be happy to help.

#### Clubs

Today you will have received this term's clubs list. This half term we will be holding a construction club, musical theatre, art club and Makaton club. Please make sure you book your child's space on Forms to secure their spot!

#### Home-time Collection

If your child is being picked up by another adult, please can you ensure you e-mail the office at adminilsington@thelink.academy or give verbal permission to a member of staff on the gate. This will then be passed on to the class teacher.

### School Day Times

Here is a reminder of the school day times. The gates are open from 8.45am and the school day begins promptly at 9am. Any child arriving after 9am but before 9.15am will be marked as late. Arrival after 9.15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. The school day ends at 3.30pm. The staff escort the children to the gate and make sure that they are safely collected.

## Diary Dates

We look forward to sharing upcoming diary dates in next week's Sway Newsletter meanwhile, staff are planning lots of exciting experiences for the children!