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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I certainly took advantage of the beautiful weather and spent lots of time outdoors.

It has been lovely to see all the pupils back in school this week. They have blown us away with how quickly they have settled back into school and the enthusiasm they have shown over the last few days. We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new starters in Early Years and across school. We hope that you enjoy being part of our school community and your children have enjoyed their first week in school.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming weeks / months.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The first week back in school

Early Years

We've had a wonderful start to the term in Early Years, reconnecting with friends and exploring all the different areas of our learning environment. The children have enjoyed creating self-portraits, first by studying their reflections in the mirror and then using paint to bring their faces to life. We also experimented with fun materials like pasta, pegs, cubes, pompoms, and pipe cleaners to add moving parts and extra creativity to our artwork.

Outdoors, we discovered that the apples in our garden were ready to pick. The children worked together to harvest, wash, peel, and chop them, before helping to make a delicious apple crumble to enjoy together—what a treat! It's been a busy and exciting first week back, and we're all ready for a well-earned rest this weekend.

Class 2

Our wonderful Class 2 pupils are off to a great start and are quickly getting used to some of our new routines and changes, we worked together to create some important class rules to help us all to feel happy, safe and be our best selves. On our first day back, the children enjoyed carrying out a fun 'getting to know each other and their new teacher' activity and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom. We have also enjoyed creating some special art work which children will be bringing home today and they loved hearing about their new Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. Well done for a fantastic first week everyone in Class 2!

Class 3

What a brilliant first week back we've had! The children have settled in really well and hit the ground running with their learning. It's been lovely to see everyone getting straight back into the swing of things. In Science, we've started exploring habitats and thinking about the different places animals and plants live. We looked at how to group animals in different ways, the children produced some great Venn diagrams (some of which even included three criterion - wow!) In History, we've begun our journey back to the Stone Age – the children enjoyed finding out about what life was like for people during the Stone Age and made great comparisons between their lives and those of the past. This week we also completed our self-portraits and added our own little twist, it was lovely to see everyone put their own spin on their work - check them out on Facebook! We're really looking forward to the year ahead – there's so much exciting learning to come, and it's wonderful to see such enthusiasm already.

Class 4

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year! Class 4 have returned full of enthusiasm and energy, ready to learn and take on new challenges. Year 5 have settled beautifully into their new routines, while Year 6 have been especially kind and welcoming to their new classmates. We also welcomed Mr Holland into our classroom, who has spent this week getting to know all the children. The whole class have worked hard and made a great start – we're really looking forward to the year ahead!

Staffing Update

We have some new faces in school this term. Miss Hamilton has joined us as a Teaching Assistant and will be working across school over the coming weeks. We also welcome Mr Holland who is undertaking a teaching placement in Class 4.

Uniform Swap Shop

Thank you to everybody who donated uniform at the end of last term. We have managed to sort the items into sizes and we have a good range of items, some of which are nearly new. If you need any uniform, please feel free to call in at any time and swap items or take items for an optional small donation.

Building Work

The building work that was planned for over the summer has now been completed. The hall roof was replaced and we now have new windows and doors throughout school. The toilets in Early Years have also had a full refit and we now have a fully functional changing area for our youngest pupils. We are delighted with the results and not only does it improve the look of the school, it will also have a positive impact on the energy efficiency; particularly during the winter months.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

These will begin in the week commencing 15th September. Information about the clubs on offer will be sent out next week.

School Lunches

Week commencing 8th September 2025 – Week 2

Week commencing 15th September 2025 – Week 3

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 8 th September	
Tuesday 9 th September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 10 th September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 11 th September	
Friday 12 th September	

Monday 15 th September	
Tuesday 16 th September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 17 th September	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 18 th September	Year 5 and 6 Fitness Event at Wentworth Leisure Centre (more info to follow)
Friday 19 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Friday 24 th October 2024	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 th November	School re-opens for all pupils