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Dear parents,

Welcome back to 2023! We are really pleased to be open and to begin the year of learning and exciting experiences for your children. While as a school, we only had minor damage, I know several members of our school community and staff have had damage following the flooding. If we can support you at all, please let me know.

It has been great to welcome our children back into school today. It was lovely to walk around the school and to see them settling so well into their classrooms and making new friendships. While it would have been nice to have had a day with summer sunshine to get them outside and playing, we are relieved to be open and have the children back with us.

Meet The Teacher

We were unable to start 2023 with the *'Meet the Teacher'* interview, as we decided to get the school open as soon as we were practically able. I know how much these interviews are valued by the parent community. These interviews are also vital in how we get to know the children and families and this information supports the learning in the class.

Therefore we have found a way to have these interviews next week. This is an opportunity for you and your child to discuss their learning style and passions, which help us to support the learning.

We have set up an opportunity next week for you to have an interview with your child's new teacher. If the time you can come isn't available, please contact the teacher to make a mutually suitable time.

We will hold interviews:

Tuesday: 3.10pm-4.30pm

Wednesday 3.10pm-4.30pm

Thursday 3.10pm-5pm

Below is the link and code to log in and book a time.

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School Donations and Activity Contributions.

As you are aware, the cost of running our school and offering your children the broadest range of activities is continually increasing. In past years, we have tried to absorb these increases in certain areas however, we are unable to continue doing so as we find that our providers are passing price increases onto us. The main area where we have noticed the largest increase is transport costs to off site activities and visiting shows and experiences, which are solely funded out of your activity contribution.

We have worked hard to keep these increases as small as possible to help minimise the financial impact to our families and our 2023 contribution requests are as follows:

School Donation - \$55 per term or \$220 for the whole school year (*this is the same as previous years, however the discount for early payment has been removed*). The amount for 3rd or subsequent children will remain at \$37.50 per term or \$150 for the whole school year.

Classroom Activity Contributions - \$40 per term or \$160 for the whole school year.

Kindo is our preferred method for all your school payments. We also have links for you to follow on our school website in the Community Connect section or in the drop down on the Info tab. If you have any trouble setting up your Kindo account, please follow the help links on the Kindo website.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and experiences for your children.

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