



Dear Families,

25th October 2024

RE Autumn term 1

I hope you have all had a great first half term back at school. It has been truly wonderful to see how well the children have returned and settled and to see how much they have achieved this term.

It has been incredibly busy across both schools this half term with many parent evenings, workshops and welcome events for new families. Even so there has been much achieved across both schools and it is exciting to see our new Library at Alwyn along with the new outside renovations that have taken place already being fully enjoyed by the children.

We have also seen the OPAL project launch at Courthouse which has been a brilliant success so far. Staff are already noticing the smoother playtimes and improved relationships children are having while at play. That said, we appreciate the volume of wet muddy clothing that is going home. We have seen some wonderful responses to this though with many children bringing wellies, oversized t shirts and waterproof all in ones. In regards to uniform at Courthouse after half term we will be seeking parent views on uniform to help guide us moving forward.

I would also like to take the time to say thank you to our teachers, I am sure yourselves as parents would join me in celebrating our fantastic staff teams across both schools. Even with the ongoing challenges that all schools are currently navigating; even when education sometimes is secondary to pastoral care; even when I am asking them to keep going and try some of our new initiatives, they do so with a smile and determination that simply makes both schools better each day.

Finally, as parents across both of our settings you are incredibly supportive and trusting of the work we do. I do thank you all for the continued support and commitment yourselves give to Alwyn and Courthouse.

For all those across our community who are celebrating I wish you all a wonderful Diwali!

I do hope you all have a well-deserved rest over half term and come back ready for the festive run in!

Kind regards

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