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Dear Parents,

Perhaps the main word to sum up the start to our new year would be, hot! I must admit it was a bit of a shock to the system for everyone coming back to a full day in such heat, but as always, we all took it with good humour, and your children coped remarkably well.

A very warm welcome (no pun intended!) to our new starters in Reception Class. They have had a good start, with most being very settled and already keen to learn. They will soon be taking their Baseline Assessments with Mrs Bishop. They looked adorable in their uniforms, with an amazing array of smart shoes on show.

In school we have introduced 'smart walking' for those children who just want to get everywhere super-fast. Making sure we are moving in and around school safely, calmly and quietly. It has been much needed in this heat too, just in case you sometimes need a bit of 'smart walking' at home.

We are sending out dates for the year today, as I know you need to get everything pencilled in as early as possible. I'm sure you can understand that these may change but, as far as possible, we try not to. I also try to arrange things on different days to suit your availability to attend, but if it is proving tricky, please drop me an email via admin.

The first traditional event coming up is the Harvest Festival Service. This will be art, songs and small performances from each class, with traditional songs for the whole school. Everyone is welcome, although last year it was quite a squeeze, so some may have to stand. I have yet to confirm with Sharon, the new vicar, dates and use of the church, but hopefully it will be held there.

On Monday evening I am attending Rev. Sharon's Licencing Service at Hitcham Church, where symbolic gifts will be given. I am representing Rattlesden. I'm sure we will continue to have a very close relationship with St Nicholas church going forward.

You may have seen our entrance display with lots of pictures of the activities and hobbies our children get up to when they are out of school. This is to inspire and inform others, but also celebrates a little snippet of life and successes outside of the school environment (not always the academic). I would really like to keep this up to date as the children love it, so please send in a photo of your child enjoying any of their extra-curricular activities/clubs, so I can add it to our display. Pop in and have a quick look if you want some ideas! You can send in a hard copy or email the office. Thank you.



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If you are a new parent at Rattlesden, I do tend to write to you when I have something to tell you about, rather than a weekly newsletter, which I feel is better all round! Nothing I write about though, such as diary dates, has not been emailed via the office, so don't feel you have missed any information if you don't manage to read my letter, and hopefully you've made it to the end of this one to know that.

Have a great start to the term Rattlesden folk!

Mrs Ballam.