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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year at Garboldisham. I hope that you have had a restful summer. The children have all come back enthusiastic to learn and we are looking forward to some great work this year.

As some of you may know, a couple of members of staff have been unwell - hopefully all 'on the mend' now and due back soon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank colleagues, parents, governors and our wider support network for their help in ensuring the smooth running of the school.

As you will have seen, there have been several 'works' completed over the summer. We are very pleased with the results and hope that you are too. (There has even been a LITTLE progress on the new toilet block!)

A 'new' initiative this year is our STAY ACTIVE programme on two lunch times per week. This is an informal activity session (run by Premiere Sports) that the children may join in with as they wish - they just need their trainers. We will also be holding some enrichment days with them - we have already had fencing and archery is due this week. (That is thanks to Isaac in year 4 who won a competition and the prize was a sports activity for school - thank you Isaac).

I have included below some reminders for 'keeping in touch':

- Staff are on the playground at the end of each day and this is the best time for an informal 'catch up'.
- The school website: <http://www.garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk> - all letters, notices, menus, etc are posted here and you can sign up for email alerts (see bottom of web page).
- **Our NEW app! (Apple & Android) to give you alerts as soon as information goes on the website.**
- We try NOT to send out printed copies of information but if you are unable to access the website, please let us know.
- Dates for our open afternoon, Reception open morning, church services, coffee afternoon and parent/carer information meetings etc will be released very soon (on the website!).
- There is a member of staff at the gate every morning - PLEASE just ask if you have any questions.
- If you need a longer chat, please make an appointment to see a member of staff. This can be done via the office

Yours sincerely

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