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Dear families,

Welcome back to Malpas Alport Primary School for the 2024-2025 school year! I hope this letter finds you rested, rejuvenated, and excited for the year ahead. As we embark on another journey of learning and growth, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

We are very excited to welcome our new deputy head teacher- Mr James Kirkby and know that with his breadth and depth of experience he will bring some exciting developments to our school community.

This school year brings with it the promise of new opportunities, friendships, and experiences that will shape our children's futures. Our dedicated staff have been working diligently over the summer to prepare engaging and meaningful learning experiences that will challenge and inspire every child. We are committed to fostering an environment where each pupil feels valued, supported, and motivated to achieve their personal best.

With this in mind, we believe that education is a partnership between school and families. Your involvement is crucial to your child's success, and we encourage you to keep an open dialogue with us throughout the year. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering, or simply keeping in regular communication with your child's teacher, your participation helps to create a vibrant and supportive school community.

This year, we have some exciting initiatives and programs planned, including physical activity for all pupils in their maths and English lessons, class mystery book, an evening martial arts club, the return of the pop-up swimming pool for 2 weeks in June, school sleepover and many more events. We are confident that these will enhance our students' learning experiences and contribute to their overall development.

Attached to this email is our Annual Calendar of events for the coming academic year. Please add these dates to your calendar and look out for updates on our monthly newsletters as events and activities are added throughout the year. You will see from the calendar that we are collecting for harvest donations for the local Food Banks and will be accepting any donations of tins, pasta, biscuits and jams from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall- please come and join us for a catch-up with friends and to raise much needed money for a cause that affects all of our lives. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October will be our Pyjama Day, where children are invited to come into school in pyjamas/ onsies for the day and





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donate a pair of new pyjamas. Below is some information from the organiser on how your donations support children and families in hospital over Christmas time.

*As coordinator I organise donations of 'BRAND NEW' Pyjamas from schools, businesses and individuals in the Cheshire, North Wales and Wirral area. All the PJ's donated to me have a pair of hand stitched hearts included with them, this allows one to stay with the child in hospital and the other to go home with their family who cannot be with them. These lovely hearts are hand sewn by a team of over 1000 volunteers from all over the country. The hospital staff hand out the PJ's on Christmas morning to any children in the hospital. Any Leftover pyjamas are then used throughout the year for emergency situations where a child may have had their clothes cut off in A&E, been unwell and not had any spare clothes or when they have ended up staying in hospital unexpectedly. Lisa Cleaver*

Please look out for the Attendance Newsletter in the next couple of weeks, which will outline the government's new focus on increased attendance for all pupils and the stepped-up approach to fines for unauthorised absences including holidays taken in term time. This year we want to focus on getting all children into school ON TIME every day- as 10 minutes late for the school day doesn't seem much, but equates to 7 lost learning days each year. We use the 8.30-9am time in the morning to reinforce crucial learning for the day, hear children read and support children with individual learning support and if your child is regularly late, they will not be able to access this support and make the most of their learning each day. If you would like help with morning routines, please come and talk to me.

As a school we have access to multi-agency groups to support a family's wide range of needs or worries. This is called Team Around the Family (TAF). Some of the agencies we regularly work with are mental health, housing, health, debt, substance and addiction support, family routines, sleep and eating, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and autism support. If you are interested in gaining support for your family in any of these areas please speak to myself, Mr Kirkby or Mrs Hughes to learn more about the confidential support we can offer. Please note that this is not linked to social care in any way and there will be no social workers involved with your family.

Also attached to this letter is crucial information for your family about Free School Meals and the additional financial support you can gain for your child. Please take time to read this carefully and use the QR code to check to see if you could be eligible for this support.

Finally, thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, laughter, and growth. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. Once again, welcome back! Let's make this year our best one yet.

Mrs Nic Wetton (Headteacher)

