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Dear Parents, carers and children

Welcome back to school! Can I thank all of our pupils for the fantastic start to the Autumn term we have had. The children have been very settled, happy and focused in school this week which is great to see. They have all been very smart in their new uniforms and we very much appreciate the ongoing support we receive from our parental community.

The improvements to the playground spaces have been enjoyed by the pupils with EYFS and KS1 children having much more space now that the climbing frame has been removed and replaced with soft surfacing. The "Quiet Area" on the main playground is now finished with the addition of artificial grass and improved seating/storage. This has been very well used with a range of free choice activities from construction, Lego, reading, art and toys. The Year 3 and 4 pupils really enjoyed seeing the Tour of Britain bike race start from Redcar on Wednesday. Please have a look at Twitter over the next week to see some photos of life in school as we start back!

Year groups will be shortly explaining the curriculum which will be covered, homework routines and other things to note in their year group letters. If you do have any questions our staff will be happy to answer them or contact the office. Please note that on PE days the children should come in PE uniform. Reception and Key Stage 1 children have started a new phonics scheme called Little Wondle. Please look out for further information and some parent sessions coming up in the next few weeks which will be organised by Miss Clarkson, Mrs Lawrenson and Mrs Fellows.

Can I wish all of our Y7 pupils the best of starts in their secondary schools. All of our staff wish them the best of success in the future.

If you have any concerns which you need to act upon please remember our Safeguarding Team is myself, Mr Richardson, Miss Clarkson, Mrs Fellows and Mrs Coupland. Further information can be found on our website:

<https://zetland.ironstoneacademy.org.uk/>

After a long absence from school due to awaiting surgery and then her recovery period we are very happy to welcome back Mrs Mehta to the EYFS team. Also welcome back to Mrs Foster-Spanner after a period of illness.

After the sad news of the passing of our Queen, we will be having Class Assemblies so we have the opportunity to remember and celebrate her 70 years of dedicated service to our Country.

Some key diary dates are as follows:

30th September 2022 – PD day, school closed to all pupils.

24th – 28th October – Half term

See attached letter regarding the State Funeral of Her Majesty.