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Dear Families,

It has been great to have our first full week of the new academic at SPA!

Thank you for your support in making sure your child is on time to school and ready to learn. The children all look so smart in their uniform- this really matters to us. We are very pleased with how the children have remembered our routines and how well our new Reception children are getting on with learning these.

The morning drop off time is very busy. Please do your best to avoid blocking pathways by waiting on the grass areas. We are aware that a number of adults dropping off their child have their furry four-legged friends with them. Please be aware that we do have a number of children who are afraid of dogs so thank you for keeping your wonderful pets so well behaved and outside of our school

grounds. 🐕 We have lots of staff out in the mornings to support on the gates. Mrs Curtis is our Student and Family Support Lead – she is available during the day to support families.

Our new nursery 'Ducklings' is now up and running and our first nursery children are doing so well! This is such an exciting development for our school. As I shared last week, we had a visit from Terry Jermy, our local M.P. Well, it was very exciting to receive a letter from him this week with 'The House of Commons' postmark on the envelope and watermark on the paper. I shared this letter with the children in our Worship Celebration today.

In his letter Terry congratulated all of us on 'the positive welcome the school offers and its wider commitment to inclusive learning.'

He also shared how pleased he was to meet our School Council and commended them on their work and how they are representing their peers.

It was a wonderful letter to receive and it made us all feel very proud. Well done Team SPA! 🌟

It has been a busy first full week back with lots of exciting learning happening. Please take a look at Class Dojo where your child's teacher will post what the children have been learning about as well as updating you on other information you need to be aware of such as PE days. Our Year 5s, Kingfisher Class, have started their swimming sessions this week. Our Collective Worship theme this term is split into two parts. We are looking at what Collective Worship means to us as a school and also looking at our school vision and values of **SHINE, LEARN, BELIEVE** and **BELONG** and being **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**. The children will be re-visiting and unpicking what this means- how we behave and act towards each other- how we do things around here. We call this '**The SPA Way.**'

We have some very exciting Staff news!

Miss Sleet, our Red Foxes teacher has been nominated for a Flourish Award for the wonderful work she does at our school and she has been selected as a finalist for The Learning Award. Hosted by the Children and Young People Strategic Alliance, the Flourish Award recognises people, projects, teams

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and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to help young people in Norfolk to flourish. The awards evening is in a few weeks time so we will let you know how she gets on.

Meanwhile, we are so proud of Miss Sleet for being selected as a finalist! 🎉



I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs N Kaye

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'N. Kaye'.

Headteacher

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