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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday period and I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year. The Spring term is underway and the pupils have all settled straight back into school routines.

We welcome Mrs Linforth to our Nursery team as a teaching assistant. Mrs Keyse has returned to school following the birth of her daughter Connie. She will be teaching throughout the school when class teachers have planning time. Unfortunately, Mrs Supple is still absent from school. Her teaching commitment will be covered by Miss Morgan in the interim. I would like to thank Mrs Wilding for increasing her hours for the Autumn term. My time as Executive Headteacher for Archbishop Rowan Williams has come to an end. I am looking forward to being fulltime at Magor Primary School and working with staff, governors, parents and pupils to build upon the excellent progress we have made in the last few years.

We also extend a welcome to Rev Samuel Patterson who has joined our Governing Body. Mr Ingleson has changed role from a Parent Governor to a Local Authority Governor. We will therefore be advertising this vacancy in the coming weeks. If you would like information on the role of a Parent Governor please contact the school office.

Next week 107 pupils will receive certificates for 100% attendance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn term. 69 pupils have 100% attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term. Congratulations everyone! It is important that pupils are in school on time every day possible. We recognise that there are times when pupils are unwell and unable to come to school but if they have a cough or a snuffle please send them in, we will contact you if they are too unwell to learn. Attendance and punctuality is monitored half termly by the Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer. On a recent monitoring visit they highlighted a significant number of pupils who are regularly late. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school by 9am.

Our good practice has been recognised by the Education Achievement Service and we have been appointed as the cluster Professional Learning Lead School for the implementation of the new curriculum. We also support regional delivery of Welsh training to other schools and are the cluster lead school for Additional Learning Needs.

There are many exciting events taking place over the next term so please keep an eye on the Magor Messengers and the calendar on the school website for important events and dates. Our Twitter is the best place to see what we have been up to during the week.

We look forward to your continued support.

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