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Welcome Back to School

Happy New Year, and a very warm welcome back to school. I hope that all our children, families, and staff have enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break. Thank you for your patience, and my apologies for the delay in this first communication of the term.

As we begin this new half term, our We CARE value focus is **Creativity**. Throughout the coming weeks, we will be encouraging children to explore new ideas, express themselves in imaginative ways, and approach their learning with curiosity and originality. We look forward to seeing how creativity flourishes across the school.

Mrs. Szeniawski

It is with mixed feelings that we share the news that **Mrs. Szeniawski** has taken up a new post at another school, working closely with children with special educational needs. This is a wonderful opportunity for her, and we know she will be a blessing to the children and families she serves.

Mrs. Szeniawski has given tremendous time, dedication, and heart to The Priory during her time here, and her contribution has made a lasting impact. She will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. We offer her our sincere thanks and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

Communication Issues with Microsoft Sway

We are currently experiencing ongoing issues with Microsoft Sway, which has affected the way we normally format and distribute our weekly newsletter. Thank you for bearing with us while we work to resolve these technical difficulties. We are actively seeking a solution and hope to return to our usual weekly newsletter format as soon as possible.

Safeguarding: Online Safety & Social Media

As part of our ongoing safeguarding commitment, we would like to highlight the importance of **online safety**, particularly around children's use of social media. Many young people are spending more time online than ever before, and it is essential that parents remain aware of what their children are accessing, who they are communicating with, and how they are presenting themselves online.

We encourage all parents to regularly review privacy settings, talk openly with their children about what they encounter online, and ensure age-appropriate boundaries are in place. Staying informed and involved is one of the most effective ways to keep children safe in digital spaces.

For further guidance, support, and up-to-date information, parents can visit the **UK Safer Internet Centre**, which provides excellent advice for families:

👉 <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Kind regards,

Mr Gotheridge