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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year. We hope that you all had a great summer holiday, enjoying the lovely sunshine we have had. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our 45 new reception children who have joined us this week.

We have a very exciting year planned for your children and this newsletter will tell you about some events this term.

Baby Roberts

I am delighted to let you know that at the end of the summer holiday, Mrs Roberts gave birth to Edward. They are both doing really well and I am sure you join me in sending congratulations and best wishes. I know she will want to come into school in the very near future to show Edward to the staff and children; particularly last year's Finches!

Staffing

This term we have three new members of staff joining our team. Mrs Bocock is joining us as Foundation Stage and Key Stage One leader, Mrs Blakey is joining us as a Key Stage Two One to One tuition teacher and Miss Cable is joining us as a Key Stage One Intervention teacher. We are very pleased to have them all here with us. We are also welcoming back Mrs McGagh from her maternity leave. She is re-joining us in a part time capacity covering Mrs Wallace's and Mrs Allerston's leadership time.

Refurbishment of Classrooms

We are very pleased to have completed the refurbishment of the Kestrels, Falcons and Starlings classrooms. We are very proud that we have been able to refurbish all of the classrooms in the main block in just three years to provide our children and staff with excellent learning environments. We look forward to improving the Early Years block to the same high standard in the very near future.

International Primary Curriculum

We are rolling out a new curriculum this year called the International Primary Curriculum or IPC. Each class will learn the majority of their subjects through different exciting, creative themes. Most excitingly children will have a WOW day at the beginning of each new theme to inspire their interest in the topic and an exit day at the end that wraps up and consolidates the children's learning. We know that your children will really enjoy this mode of learning and we look forward to telling you more about it in our forthcoming curriculum newsletters.

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Meeting for prospective Reception Parents September 14

We will hold our meeting for prospective Reception parents on the 30th October. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school in September 2014 please let them know about this event. Over the past three years the school has been significantly oversubscribed however indications from the Local Authority show that should not be the case this year so families living further away from the school could secure a place.

Meet the Teacher

We are holding out our annual meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday 11th of September between 3.30-5.00. This is a very informal opportunity for you to drop into your child's new class, say hello to their teacher, look at their new room, see where your child sits and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents Evening

We will be holding our parents evening on the 8th and 9th of October. This is an formal opportunity to have a look at your child's work, discuss how your child has settled into their new class and look at their targets and progress. A booking form will be sent in the near future.

Phonics Workshop for Parents

We will be holding a phonics workshop for parents on the 19th of September between 3.30 and 5.00. This session is to support parents in a practical way to help their children and show how we teach Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children to read and write. More details will follow regarding this. We hope that many of you will be able to come to this event that will help you support your child.

Harvest Festival

Our annual harvest festival service will be held in Church on Friday 4th October at 9.30. This service will be led by Year 5 although all parents are welcome to attend. We will be asking for donations of food in the near future to help those who need our support.

School Security

Market Rasen Church of England Primary School is a secure site. Please only enter the buildings either through the main reception area or with a member of staff. We would ask that parents do not park in the school car park without permission. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

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School Uniform, Jewellery and Claudia's Cause Wristbands

It is lovely to see that most of our children have come back to school looking really smart wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that children should not wear grey jumpers or cardigans, trainers or formal button shirts. If you have any questions about the school uniform policies please don't hesitate to contact me.

For safety reasons, children with pierced ears may only wear small studs. Rings may not be worn.

We are pleased to see that a number of our children are wearing Claudia's Cause wristbands. As a school we are happy for children wear these however they will need to be removed for P.E. Should the wearing of the bands be problematic in the future we will contact parents regarding this however for now we would encourage them to be proudly worn, supporting a cause that is very close to all of our hearts.

Term Time Holidays

Can we please remind you that holidays cannot be taken anymore in term time due to a change in the law. Our new attendance policy is available to view on our website. If your child needs to take time out of school for extraordinary reasons please contact me.

Electronic Mail

We prefer to send all non-urgent communication to parents via e-mail. If you would like to receive information in this way please return the slip at the end of this letter.

Important Dates for this Term

5th September	Children Back
6th September	WOW DAY
11th September	Meet the Teacher 3.30-5.00
16th September	Y6 Residential
16th September	Clubs begin this week
18th September	FOSA AGM
19th September	Phonics Workshop for Parents
4th October	Harvest Festival (Led by Year 5) Church 9.30
8th October	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
9th October	Parents Evening 4.30-7.00
17th October	End of Term 1

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I am confident that your child will have an excellent year here with us. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the school team if you have any queries, issues or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Smith
Headteacher

Electronic Communication

Please return to the school office.

I would like to receive non urgent communication through e-mail.

Child's name _____ Child's class _____

E-mail address _____

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