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Dear Parent,

I am delighted to report that we have had a highly successful start to the new school year. Attendance rates are noticeably higher when compared to last year and currently stand at 96% - well done to everyone!

In addition, the vast majority of children are coming to school in correct school uniform. However, we are already accumulating a large amount of lost property, predominantly jumpers and cardigans. From next week onwards, we will be bringing **unnamed** items onto upper school playground on Friday afternoons for parents to claim. Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be taken to our new Eco-shop venue outside Mr Brown's Year 2 classroom and will form part of our new uniform bank. Parents will be welcome to visit our bank and take any item they require for a small donation. **Please ensure that all items of uniform, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves are named so that these can be returned to their owner.** We hope that this system will reduce the amount of lost property in school and at the same time help families during these difficult economic times.

Many thanks to parents for ensuring that we maintain our high uniform standards on days when the children are coming to school in PE kits. Most children are wearing PE kit in the correct colours (red tee-shirt and jumper, and black shorts/tracksuit bottoms.) However, we are still noticing a few children are coming to school in clothes with logos or other embellishments. Please note that only **plain** clothing in correct colours with no visible logos is acceptable and staff will be checking that PE kits comply with our uniform policy. Any children wearing unacceptable items will be asked to change into clothing that we have available in school and a letter will be sent home. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, I would like to invite parents to learn more about your child's year group. Phase Leaders along with class teachers will be leading a Parent Information meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about your child's curriculum, age related expectations and how you can support at home. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any general questions. These will be held in **Upper School Hall from 5pm to 6pm** on the following evenings:

Wednesday 28th September – Years 3 and 4
Monday 3rd October – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 5th October – Reception
Thursday 6th October – Years 1 and 2

In order to assist with our planning, we are asking parents to book places at these events via our school booking system. Mrs Clay will provide further information on how to do this on Monday.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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