



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your children have enjoyed their first week back at school. It has been a pleasure to welcome all the children back, and I trust that they are settling into their routines smoothly.

This week, we have focused on various transition activities, allowing our teachers to identify individual strengths and areas for development in English and Maths. Each child has been allocated their home reading books, and we encourage all children in Key Stage 2 to read every day. For those in Key Stage 1, we expect a minimum of three reading sessions per week.

It has been delightful to see all of our children return in full school uniform, looking very grown-up and happy to be back at school.

We have also begun our new dinner service this week and I am pleased to report that the children are responding well to the variation of a new menu. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to review the menus and will keep you informed about any amendments that we plan to make.

As a school community, we have placed an emphasis on our Ursuline Values this week, engaging in discussions about what it truly means to be a pupil at The Ursuline. The children have produced some excellent work reflecting these values, which has been proudly displayed in their classrooms. Additionally, we have explored the theme of belonging and the question, "Who am I?". This work is also showcased in every classroom, fostering a sense of identity and community among our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons scheduled for next week. This event will provide you with the chance to meet your child's class teacher and gain a deeper understanding of the expectations and curriculum for your child's specific year group. Meetings will commence at 4.30 pm and you have the option of attending face-to-face or joining via Zoom.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of the families who kindly gifted me beautiful items at the end of the summer term. My home is filled with lovely aromas from the candles I received and the stunning flowers were truly a joy to behold. The thoughtful jewellery and personalised gifts are cherished keepsakes that I will hold dear.

I look forward to seeing you all over the course of next week and will continue to communicate with you through our school newsletters.

Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed weekend.

Warm regards,

**Ms N Boyce**