



# BARWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST MARY'S CHURCH BARWELL

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**LEARNING THAT LASTS A LIFETIME**

**We want happy, confident, successful children**

**Welcome to the new academic year!**

Dear families,

It has been an absolutely fantastic start to the academic year. I cannot believe how much the children have grown over the summer ready for their new year groups. The behaviour of classes has really impressed me and how smart the children all look so thank you for this.

**On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm** we will be holding our **Open Afternoon**. This is a chance to come into school and hear from your child's year group teachers and see their classrooms. They will be explaining the routines for their year group and explaining about some of the exciting initiatives that we will be involved with this year.

After meeting with teachers, we will all be meeting in the hall to launch our Everyone's Welcome project. We are very pleased to be able to start this in our school as we are very proud of how welcoming our children are and how we are a family in school and want to continue this.

As many of you know, in our school we love books, especially picture books. We are very excited that we have picture books for each year group that will help us to teach the children about The Equality Act 2010 which is a law in our country that protects people from discrimination. The books will help us to understand about diversity and help us to celebrate difference and help children to live in a world where bullying is reduced.

The Equality Act covers: age; special needs and disability; marriage and civil partnership; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; religion and belief; race; sexual orientation.

At the meeting, you will be able to look at the picture books we will be using in all year groups and talk to class teachers about them. You can ask any questions you may have. We feel it is important to prepare children for life in Modern Britain but also to be able to live without hate.

Kind regards

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