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Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term! I hope you had a restful and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New year.

Whilst I appreciate that it has been a shortened week, our pupils have returned very positively and there has been a real buzz across both Academies.

As you are aware, we have made some staff changes, and we are thrilled to welcome Ella Brant to Victory class in Year 1, Nadine McDougall to Beagle class in Year 2 and Mark King to Maurentania class in Year 3. Sevgi Akkas will be supporting both of our Year 3 classes. In addition, we welcome Karen Walmsley, who joins us as the Trust regional lead for Special Educational Needs. She will be working with our staff for two days per week. Finally, I will teach some Year 5 lessons, and Mr Harris and Mrs McArdle will also teach some additional lessons across Key Stage 2.

As a result of these staff changes, there will, of course, be some minor timetable changes that will impact some classes. However, as we move into a fully operational week, these changes will become clearer once they are firmly in place.

We are pleased to announce that we have reintroduced the 'Class Dojo' reward system. ClassDojo is a global community of 50 million+ teachers and families who come together to share the most important learning moments in school and at home. An information sheet specific to your child will be sent to you with the details of how to log on to access the Dojo system. Should you need any help with this, please contact the Academy offices.

In addition, this week, we launched our new House System, which sees all of our pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 become a member of one of four Houses, enabling all children to become part of a local, smaller community. As a result, they will be able to collaborate and work together in many different situations. An example of this will be Academy competitions, where we can track behaviour and attendance, as well as exciting team events such as sports day. In keeping with our nautical theme, our houses are named after shipping zones around the UK coastline. These are Biscay, Fastnet, Rockall and Trafalgar.



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We have also published our curriculum-focused half termly newsletters, which are designed to keep you updated on what our pupils across the Academies will be studying this term. Please take time to discuss these with your child, and as the term progresses, engage them in conversations about their knowledge acquisition.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr. Greg Sadler**  
Executive Principal



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