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Dear Families

As 2023 draws to a close I wanted to acknowledge in a small way some of what has been achieved this term. There are many examples of how our amazing students have embraced so many of the opportunities that have been given to them in our Sackville Newsletter. Look out for the latest version that will be sent out later today.

In addition to this, I wanted to acknowledge the hard work that has been put into the parts of the school where new and exciting curriculums have been launched and the work that has gone on to make the start of our new smaller communities system so positive. Of course none of these things are without their challenges, and any change involves a transition period in which to embed and fine tune. I am really pleased with the start that has been made in laying the foundations for what is to come.

Uniform

We still have a few students coming to school without their Sackville jumper and would like to have addressed this by the new year. If anyone is struggling to get a jumper please make contact with your Community team to see if we can help. Otherwise, all students should come in wearing their jumper every day.

I am also pleased to announce that in response to requests from some families and students, and after consultation with our wider stakeholders including students, staff, governors and families, we will be introducing a smart tailored short to our uniform. These will become available to purchase later on in the year with more details in an updated uniform policy that will be shared in the new year.

Equipment

Having the right equipment sets students on the right track for success and ensures that learning can commence quickly each lesson as they are prepared and ready to learn. If your child is running low, now may be a perfect time to stock up on a fresh supply of stationary (great for stocking fillers).

Start of term arrangements

All year groups start back on **Wednesday 3 January, 2024 at the usual time of 8.25am**. We look forward to welcoming them back after the festive break.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful festive period and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Jo Meloni