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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful things happening at The Walsh Schools and share a few updates.

Firstly, I am delighted to say that our new Reception cohort has settled in brilliantly. The children have adapted well to school life, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. They have truly embraced our school values, and it has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence.

Another highlight of this term has been the success of our school swimming pool. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming sessions, and the feedback from both parents and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. We are excited to announce that we have provisionally booked the pool for next September, budget permitting, and will keep you updated on this.

Our very own Café W has become a hub of activity, offering a welcoming space for parents, carers, and members of the wider community. The presentations from various agencies and our own staff have been incredibly informative and well-received. If there are any specific agencies or individuals you would like to hear from in future, please let us know, and we'll do our best to make it happen. If you haven't managed to pop in to see what it's all about then please do so when you can.

We continue to be driven by a strong sense of community spirit, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support. As we look ahead to the next half term, we are excited to share that our Christmas event schedule will soon be available. Keep an eye out for updates—it's going to be a fantastic time for the children and families alike.

Finally, Mrs Wall and I have thoroughly enjoyed showing many parents around The Walsh Schools this term. We are incredibly proud of the children, who consistently represent our vision and values with pride. It is always a pleasure to showcase their hard work and achievements. We'd like to thank Mrs Loftus and Miss Hayhurst for their contributions to our school, both have left or are about to leave for new opportunities. We have since welcomed Mrs Patterson and Mrs Usman to the Walsh team, with further staff recruitment in process.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in November.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Bailey Headteacher