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Dear Parents

We have been having another very busy term and the children are settling in very well. The Year 1 class is finding the expectations for the next stages in their education are high with plenty of time to learn through interesting activities, visits and special events.

The Governing Body appreciate very much that several parents are now involved in the Friends of Mosaic committee. We have two sets of class representatives, a parent governor, a small group working with the school on the next steps in the travel strategy and we also have volunteers. The new parents' Forum meets for the first time this month. Although we are still a small school we would like a second parent governor so please get in touch with me if you want to know more about this. Hopefully we can appoint someone during next term. Parent governors are elected to the GB by the other parents.

Ofsted: We have had parents asking us what they can do to support our preparation for our first Ofsted inspection. This will happen within the next year and could even be in January. We don't know until the day before. Clearly as we only have one class of children who have been here for just over a year there is much less data than in a well established school. The inspectors therefore will be particularly focusing on the evidence which they find to support the school's assessments of teaching and the impact on the children's learning. They will expect even our young children to be able to talk about what they are learning about and why.

How can you help?

- Talk to your child about what they have been learning in school so that they are confident to speak to adults about their learning.
- Respond to surveys – Due to go out at the end of November (Ask if you have difficulty accessing them)
- Offer to meet with OFSTED
- Become familiar with the school web-site – Our updated policies, codes of conduct and main topics for governors' meetings, site and other news items and education information are all updated regularly

I am happy to talk more with parents about the Ofsted process if that is requested.

Permanent site news: Look out for more updates very soon with photos before long. The banner advertising the school is now up at the permanent site.

Thank you for all your involvement and support on our journey.
Shirley Lee for the Governing Body of MJPS