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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a relaxing Easter break. The children have come back to school looking very refreshed and smart after the Easter. They are all showing positive attitudes to their learning and, hopefully, they are talking about the Golden Standards that we launched at the start of the week. Every child will become very familiar with these, which will provide a reference point for any discussions around behaviour and attitudes. A copy is attached so you can, perhaps, discuss them with your child.

With the first week of the new term now under our belts, I want to express my gratitude for the positive conversations I have had with many of you this week. There is clearly a genuine and deep-seated desire for our children to receive the best holistic education they can whilst they are at Surfleet Primary School.

I also appreciate the understanding shown when we are trying to resolve issues or incidents that have arisen during the school day. Sometimes these require a little bit of investigating and unpicking, but I will always endeavour to find solutions and move forward. We sometimes, due to the academic pressures of the National Curriculum, lose sight of the important role we have in developing children's social and emotional skills. Children will fall out for a range of reasons and that is part of their development, but it is important that we give them strategies and skills so that they can begin to resolve these independently.

Looking ahead, we have the statutory Year 6 SATs on the horizon (week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May) and the statutory Year 2 SATs (week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May). I will write separately to respective parents/carers with timetables and key information. Our Year 1 children will sit their phonics reading tests in June.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire. The results will be on the school website. I will be sharing the outcomes with staff and we will look to address particular areas of concern. Some of these will take time to address, but one that does stand out is the communication about children's progress towards National Curriculum outcomes and parent's awareness of the next steps needed.

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As you are aware, my commitments to Pinchbeck and Spalding mean I am not able to be at Surfleet all day every day; next week is a case in point where I am interviewing for posts at Spalding on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Lucy Reed, school SENDco will be on site but should there be a need to contact me, please let the office staff know, as I will still be in touch with the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards



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