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Dear Parents and Carers of Glade Hill,

Welcome everyone to the 2026.27 academic year at Glade Hill Primary and Nursery School

I know this is going to be another amazing year at Glade Hill, and I know that all our children will continue to show their GOLDEN behaviour and SPARKLY learning. Our staff will, once again, all be striving to ensure that all children become the best learners that they can be.

Our three Priority Areas for School Improvement this year are:

- **Improving the attendance for all children** but particularly for those children who have been persistent absentees (less than 90% attendance) and those facing barriers to success (children in receipt of pupil premium funding and children with SEND).
- **Ensure all children develop strong foundations in their learning in their first years of school.** Schools that secure the foundational knowledge and skills that every child needs by the end of key stage 1 (end of Year 2) give children the best chance of educational success.
- **Further develop our Inclusion Strategy**, through enhancing provision and practice for children with SEND. This will include through the opening and development of our new SEN unit 'The Nook' and further development and enhancements of our highly inclusive mainstream classes and enhanced provision support bases.

One important way that you can support us with these goals, is **making sure that your children are in school as much as possible**. Research shows that children with over 95% attendance achieve better grades, achieve their best and are happier and more settled in school. We have lots of incentives to celebrate excellent attendance that will continue this year, including class trophies and attendance badges/ medals.

Another way that you can support us with these goals, is by making sure that you **read with your child at least three times a week**. Regular practise is essential for building strong foundations early on and also ensuring this progress in reading continues, and reading is essential for improving achievement in writing and other subjects. We have a fantastic reading reward scheme for all children whereby reading three times a week or more can earn prizes such as teddies, notebooks, pencils and books. Remember **EVERY READ COUNTS!**

I am also very excited to say a big welcome and hello to our new Super Saplings children (F2/Reception) and the new children joining us in Amazing Acorns (F1/ Nursery). We hope you are enjoying your learning, and I know that you will quickly settle in and thrive at Glade Hill.

To our Year 6 children, I am so excited about you becoming our SPECTACULAR SIXES. I know that you will continue to be fantastic role models for our school community, showing us all how to be GOLDEN and to SPARKLE in our learning every day. You have already really impressed me with your mature attitudes and behaviour. Keep up the good work!

Thank you in advance for your support this year, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Take a look at a super piece of artwork that one of our Spectacular Sixes has done already this year and our Glade Hill Magazine produced with Notts County last year. What talent we have in our school!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Anna Stapleton - Headteacher

