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Dear Blaise families,

I am writing to you to thank you for your support over the first half term. It has been a fantastic half-term for the school, a brilliant start to the year, and a great first half of Unit 1. It is such a privilege to work in a school that is so full of wonderful children and families. It has been great to see so many of you at our open line up events and at various other events throughout the term thus far.

This half term the school has had its highest ever attendance percentage, its highest ever SPARX percentage and its highest ever homework completion percentage. These are all important landmarks for the school and none of them would have been possible without the support of all of our parents. I am enormously grateful to everyone for their ongoing support. Our school continues to go from strength to strength and that is in a large part thanks to our parent community. As ever, we know that we can continue to improve and we welcome any feedback from any parents.

Over the course of this half term, all of our teachers have been working hard on giving students more opportunity to talk and discuss in lessons. In every lesson now children have the opportunity to rehearse ideas in pairs when doing 'turn and talk' and all students have the opportunity to speak when doing 'call and response' in lessons. Please do ask your children about how this works, and if you would like to see them in action, please feel free to book a tour whenever you would like. Next half-term is all about assessments. Year 11 start their mock exams on Tuesday 5th November and in the rest of the school we will build up to the end of unit assessments. There is more communication to come on this at the start of next half term. Assessments provide a great opportunity for students to show off what they have learnt. As ever, excellent attendance is essential in ensuring they can be the most successful they can possibly be.

I also need to let the whole community know that BAM, the company who run the facilities management and organise the catering for the school have decided to increase the price of catering by 3.4% from November 4th. Unfortunately, we have no control over this, and recognise that it may pose some challenges for some families. I can only apologise for this. It means that a meal will now cost £2.69.

I want to finish by thanking everyone again for their support this half term and wish everyone a restful break. If students are going trick or treating over the break, please do make sure that they are safe, and equally I would urge that everyone takes the right steps to keep safe around any firework displays. November 4th is an INSET and all children will return at normal time on the 5th November.

Please find a video summary of this letter [here](#).



Thank you

Nat Nabarro, Headteacher

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