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Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to have welcomed your children back into school this morning. Hearing their excited voices brings the building back to life after the long summer holiday. I am thrilled to begin my new role as head teacher at the school and look forward to seeing you all over the next few days and weeks.

As you are aware our office administrator, Mrs. Thompson, retired this summer. I am in the process of filling this key role, so we are currently without anyone in the office. I will do everything I can to keep things running smoothly, but I do appreciate your patience at this time. I will update you on our progress as soon as I can.

Our school priorities for the year ahead are as follows:

- To create a communication strategy to involve everyone in the school challenge.
- To provide a curriculum to challenge everyone to be their best selves.
- To deliver support and challenge to everyone to ensure they thrive.

Our overarching theme is challenge. We want everyone to be the best that they can be and their absolute best selves. Everything we do will be focussed on these aims.

Communication is central to our success in this process. In the next few days, I will be asking all parents to download the app and create an account on Class Dojo. Class Dojo will allow us to communicate more effectively, you will receive updates about whole school events and be able to message directly with me and your child's class teacher. We award Castle Points for children's good behaviour, effort and progress; through Class Dojo you will receive a notification when this happens. I will send more details and information later this week.

I attach a calendar that shows an overview of school events for the year ahead. Everything is subject to change due to staffing, weather, and unexpected circumstances. We will publish regular newsletters and update Class Dojo with any changes or updates. I hope this document will help you to plan for the year ahead.

Some of the events are labelled FOTS, this represents 'Friends of the School'. In order to deliver all of these events, we will require support from anyone willing to give some of their time to support the school. Please let me know if you would like to be involved with and or run this group.

Thank you once again for your support and patience while we settle the children into the new school year. I am confident that it is going to be a successful one.

Yours sincerely

Shawn Laws
Head Teacher