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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of the autumn term. The children have looked so smart returning in full uniform and I would like to thank you for your support with this and ensuring that they come to school on time and ready to learn each day.

This week is Establishment Week and we are having a whole school focus on setting clear and high expectations for the year ahead linked to our vision and values, our Key Three and our Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills. Staff have been enjoying supporting the children in learning the 'Summerlea Way' through a variety of exciting, practical and creative cross-curricular games and activities linked to the key themes of communication, trust and problem-solving, designed to promote and nurture positive relationships and a strong sense of community across the school.

This is a reasonably brief but important newsletter, ahead of the usual fortnightly one which will be published at the end of next week, as there is some staffing news to share.

Firstly, Mrs Strong (Deputy Headteacher) has been absent from work following some surgery and is looking forward to seeing everyone next week when she returns. We wish her a speedy recovery and I know she was disappointed not to be here for the start of the new school year.

Mrs Turvey will sadly be leaving at the end of this week as she is going to be working as a Planning Co-ordinator for the West Sussex SEN Assessment Team. This is a role we know she will be absolutely brilliant at and is extremely well deserved. Mrs Turvey has worked at Summerlea for seven years and has worn many hats having been a Midday Meals Supervisor, Individual Needs Assistant, Deputy Manager at After School Care Club, Staff Governor and finally Inclusion Support Assistant. She will be very much missed and I must take this opportunity to thank her for all she has contributed to our school and its children during her time in post. We will be saying a special goodbye to her with the children in this week's Friday assembly.

Following Mrs Turvey's departure, I will be working closely with Governors to review the current structure of the Inclusion Team to best meet the needs of our pupils going forwards. In the interim, I am delighted to be able to let you know that Mrs Sacree (previously SEN lead) will be



returning on a part-time basis to provide administrative and pastoral support and we look forward to welcoming her back (for the second time!) the week after next.

Miss Miller (Individual Needs Assistant) made the difficult decision to resign from her role over the summer due to personal circumstances. Thank you to Miss Miller for all she has done since starting with us and we wish her all the very best for the future.

As things stand at the current time, we have been unable to recruit a new School Business Manager to replace Mrs Maxted. Unfortunately, this means capacity in the school office is currently very stretched and we thank you in advance for your patience as we deal with your queries and requests. I would like to say a huge thank you to the office team who are doing an amazing job in difficult circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

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