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Newsletter from Fiona Veitch, Interim Principal 8th September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write the first newsletter of the year to you. As you will know I am covering for Angela whilst she is not here. It has been an absolute delight to meet your wonderful children this week and the fantastic staff who ensure they have such excellent education and support. Their depth of commitment and care towards the students has been clear to see.

Thank-you to all of you for keeping us up to date with what your children have been doing over the holidays. I look forward to meeting you and working with you over the next few weeks. It is very important that you feel you can come to me with **any** questions, concerns or suggestions.

New students joining us this term are John and Jack in Star Class, Isobel and Sasha in Circle Class, Louis in Triangle class, and Zaki and Darragh in Square Class. We welcome them and their families to the Endeavour family. We are so impressed with how all of those who have already started are settling in.

We also welcome some fantastic new staff this term: Amanda, Ella and Nicole in Circle Class; Anna and Sheena (who has just become a permanent member of the team) in Star Class; TAs Mercedes and Wendy and; Andy who has joined the maintenance team.

With two schools to lead I will need to manage my timetable carefully and I am therefore immensely grateful that Michaela has generously agreed to extend her notice period - we are all excited to see her on Monday. She has already offered a lot of support by telephone and email this week and I am impressed with her detailed knowledge of the students, staff and school in general.

Some truly inspirational learning experiences have taken place already. For example: a group went to the Earth Trust yesterday; students are going to Vana Farm and swimming this morning and Streetdance starts again this afternoon. I have also seen some interesting, stimulating and fun lessons in class. Plans for next week look even more exciting and I look forward to telling you how they went.

Today will be the first day that school finishes at 2.00 for children. I am sure all will go smoothly and would like to assure you that staff will be putting the additional time this gives them to very good use.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all of the amazing staff team for the welcome and support they have given me this week as I learn all about the school and its students.

Kind regards,

Fiona Veitch Interim Principal