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Welcome back to the new academic year and I hope that you had good breaks with your children. I have tried to meet as many of you as possible but would like to introduce myself and explain how my role will work.

I have joined the school on an **interim** basis for one year as the school was unable to appoint a permanent Executive Head Teacher to replace Mr Whitney. I have taken this role on to ensure that the children have as much continuity as possible and continue to receive the high quality education they have in recent years. I am also working with Governors to ensure that they are able to appoint a strong candidate with the recruitment of a permanent Executive Head Teacher. The best way of doing this is to make sure that the two schools continue to do what they do best and so I am not looking to make any major changes outside what was already planned under the school development plan. I am incredibly grateful to Miss Jacobs and Mr Bland for the huge amount of work they have done over the summer to ensure that the start of the term was smooth and to the whole staff for their ongoing support.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been Head Teacher of Long Sutton County Primary School for five years and prior to that had a career of both school management and school advisory work at both a Local Authority and national level. I have a background in English and ICT leadership and enjoys sport. I commute from Grantham and am entering my final year as a parent of a school child as my son is at university and my daughter is in her last year of 'A' levels.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you and your children and have already started to get to know as many of you and them as possible. I am intending to be based at each of the schools on set days but will be flexible in being able to pop to another site to meet with parents or to work with children. I will also do my very best to attend all school events, although there are certain to be clashes for some of them. I do see that I have three separate MacMillan Coffee Mornings to attend later this month!

If there is anything I can do to support you further, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

New Term

The children have made a really pleasing start to their new academic year in their new classes. There is a real learning buzz around the school and I was delighted to welcome the new Reception children into both schools yesterday. They settled in well and I had already seen Mrs White arrested by 4 year old Police Officers by lunchtime and some amazing fishing out of a porthole in Mrs Wright's class! The children all look very smart and I would like to thank you for your support in sending the children in their uniform and all ready for the new year. I have become aware of the new hair fashion of Jo-Jo bow bows which are incredibly large. Having spoken to staff, can I ask that children are sent into school with small hair accessories?

Parking

We have had some issues at the end of the school day with cars blocking access to houses and causing difficulties getting through the village. This is nothing new for schools at the start of the year but when parking, please be aware of our neighbours.

Clubs

The letters for clubs will be coming out soon and we expect clubs will start during the week beginning Monday 25th September. We do anticipate offering the usual range of clubs with the exception of those which were run by Mr Whitney. Unfortunately, my skills do not run to chess or guitar tuition.