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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school at the beginning of what promises to be another exciting year at Beanfield Primary School.

We are welcoming a number of new staff to our teaching team this year:

- Miss Skidmore in Year 2
- Mr O'Brien in Year 3
- Mr West in Year 5
- Miss Palmer in the Unit Provision
- Miss Morris in the Unit Provision

To our teaching support staff we also welcome Miss Cunningham into the Unit Provision.

We have also said goodbye over the summer to Miss O'Neil and Miss Robyn from the Unit Provision and Miss Surmiak from our lunch team.

We are very excited to announce a new member to the school's senior leadership team for this forthcoming year - Mrs Greaves will be joining us as a Vice Principal of the school and will hold a teaching commitment in Year 6 for part of the week.

The senior leadership team of the school for this academic year is:

- Mrs Eathorne Associate Principal
- Mrs Dickinson Vice Principal (Responsible for KS2)
- Mrs Greaves Vice Principal
- Miss Cushing Vice Principal (Responsible for EYFS)
- Mrs Craddock Assistant Principal (Responsible for KS1)
- Miss Johnson Assistant Principal & Mainstream SENCO
- Mrs Fleming Safeguarding and Child Protection Manager
- Miss Smith Director of Specialist Provision (Responsible for the Unit Provision)

Whilst your first port of call with any queries should always be your child's class teacher, if you do need to seek further advice or guidance, then please speak to the relevant member of the senior leadership team.

During our first few days back after the holiday the children have been an absolute pleasure to work with and all staff have commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere around school. It has also been noted how smart the pupils look and I would like to thank you for supporting us in our effort to ensure that every pupil arrives at school with the correct uniform and all of the equipment they need to work effectively in school.

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Your child's education and their learning experiences in school remain our absolute priority. Teachers have worked hard both during the summer break and on their INSET days to ensure that our school curriculum supports your child's progress and attainment but more importantly develops their curiosity and a love of learning. Your support and encouragement of this work is invaluable and we have been thinking of new ways to keep you informed of what your children will be learning during the autumn term and how you can be involved. You will find attached to this letter a Parent Information sheet to have at home, perhaps to stick on the fridge, which includes:

- Key dates for the autumn term for you and your child
- Your child's PE days
- When homework is set and when it is due back in school
- What your child will be learning across the curriculum this term

We will also be sending home Knowledge Organisers next week for your child's topic this term and for the science they will be learning. These organisers are a set of key facts or information that pupils need to know and be able to recall in order to master a unit or topic. We will be using them as part of homework and there will be weekly quizzes on the information contained in them to support children remembering key knowledge.

We hope you will find this information useful. As always, this information is always available on our website under the Curriculum tab on the home page and then in the Year Group Information section.

In order to support us in improving the way we work I would ask all parents to ensure that children arrive on time for the start of the school day. There were some occasions last year when children arrived late to school. Not only does this cause disruption to the start of their day in school but they also miss out on key learning and instructions given at the start of the day which affects how well they can get on with their work.

If your child is ill please contact the school office so their reason for absence can be recorded. This ensures we know they are safe and prevents any unwelcome home visits. As in previous years, our whole school attendance target is 97%. Last year saw us crowned the winners of the Brooke Weston Trust Primary School attendance competition and I am determined that with your support, that we can retain that trophy for another year. Children's attendance can be supported by booking appointments either out of school hours or as near to the end of the school day as possible. It is also important you understand that, as part of the Brooke Weston Trust, school will not authorise any holidays during term time.

We will be launching all of our extra-curricular activities at our "Get Involved" event on Wednesday 11th September from 3.30pm – 4.15pm in the Key Stage 1 Hall and Quad, when parents and carers will not only get to see what clubs are being offered by our staff but also get a flavour of the extra-curricular opportunities that are available for children to access in our local community. We will also be available to discuss opportunities for volunteering and our school's wrap around provision. Please find attached our full list detailing all our school clubs which can be signed up for on WisePay from 4.30pm after the Get Involved event.

We wish all of our children a very happy year at Beanfield this year. Please remember that if you need any further information or support for your child in any area of school life our doors are always open.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Eathorne Associate Principal