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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted and honoured to introduce myself as the new headteacher and welcome you back to the new school term. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and you and your child/children have found the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and are now looking forward to the start of the summer term. I am thrilled to now officially be in post as Castor Church of England Primary School's Headteacher and am very much looking forward to meeting you. The staff, children and parents that I have met so far have been incredibly welcoming and I can't wait to really get to know all the children and their families over the coming weeks.

I know that as a teacher, leader and previous Acting Headteacher that a successful and happy school depends upon us all working together for the good of its children. I fully support the Christian values and ethos of the school. I am passionate about ensuring that every child meets their full potential academically, socially, emotionally and physically and am therefore very much looking forward to working together with the school's dedicated staff and governors to achieve this for every one of its children.

I know Castor C of E Primary School has high expectations and like myself, seeks to place its children at the centre of all it does. I also know parents make an incredibly important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I therefore aim to continue to develop the relationship between the school and parents and build upon the excellent achievements that the school has already made.

The next term is a very busy one, full of opportunities for the children to celebrate and shine including egg rolling, May Day, sports' day, our Year Six leaver's celebrations and of course both Key Stage One /Two SATS as well as phonics and times table assessments.

This coming Friday, is of course Egg rolling day where for the first time in a while the whole school community will be able to come together. I am very much looking forward to meeting many of you at this event and look forward to working with you. Meanwhile, please be aware that those members of staff who have 'stepped up' in the absence of a permanent head teacher, will now return to their substantive roles: Miss Abbott will return to her role as Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Armstrong and Mrs Brant will return their roles as phase leaders and Mr Binmore will continue as our full time Year Four class teacher. I wish to take this opportunity to formally thank them for the role they have each played in leading the school over the previous term and I'm sure you will also join me in doing so.

The school will continue to work towards the goals that have already been set while I use this time to consult with staff, governors and parents and determine both the strengths of the school and the areas that require further improvement. I will therefore be inviting parents into school over the next term to

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provide opportunities for you to share your thoughts and discover how we can work together to improve the school even further for the good of your children. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend. If you prefer, you're also welcome to come and speak to me directly on the playground before or after school if you wish to do so.

I look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely



Alice Edwards
Headteacher

