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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

There was a real buzz around the school this morning as the children arrived back for the new term. This was shortly followed by a local surge in the national grid as kettles were clicked on in houses around the area! It's great to be back and we'd like to give a particular welcome to our new children, who all looked so smart and grown up. I wandered down to Reception just before 9 a.m. and was amazed at how settled the children already were, as though they had been here for a year, and really pleased at the smiles on faces and lack of tears as they start their learning journey.

If you'd seen the inside of **the building** yesterday, you wouldn't have believed it could become ready for this morning, but many thanks to all teaching and cleaning staff for their combined efforts that transformed the interior. There's been a lot of interior work in the infant classrooms and corridor and the courtyard is about to undergo its transformation that will see a new covered area, new brick built PE store along with the removal of the old wooden one and a greatly enlarged activity area for the Reception Class children to use. Many thanks also to Simon Catchpole for organising the treatment of weeds and grass during the holiday that will enable site staff to clear edges and see the grass on our field become lush and green.

The activity of the school soon becomes all consuming and this afternoon Junior children had a presentation from the **Music for Schools Foundation** regarding brass and woodwind tuition. Next Tuesday at 7 p.m., there will be an opportunity for parents who would like children to have tuition to see for yourselves what it involves, ask questions and, if you wish, to sign your child up for lessons.

There's a whole party pack for you today, which will hopefully make your start of the year as clear as possible. Please don't hesitate to ask or email if there's anything you're not sure about as we being what I hope, as always, will be your children's best year in school.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

