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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome back after the summer holiday. I hope that you all had some fantastic quality time as a family and made some lasting memories along the way. It has been a real joy to see the children come back so enthusiastically and looking so smart in their uniforms.

We extend a warm welcome to all those families who have joined our school community this year. It is great to have the school alive with children again. Welcome to our new Reception children who have settled into their first few days in school with Mrs Cuthbert so well. It's the first day and when I visited the class I even saw lots of mark-making and writing! And welcome to those children and families that have joined us from different schools as well. And finally we welcome Miss Fray who has joined the teaching team and is working in Buzzard Classroom, teaching all children in Year 5/6.

Over the next few days you will receive a topic web that details what will be taught throughout the term and information regarding homework. We hope that you will be able to join us for 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 19th September at 6:00pm. The evening will start in the hall where information will be given regarding updates to the school curriculum and the way in which the children are taught. You will then be able to go to your child/ren's class for information specific to to classes. There will be two presentations (both the same to allow for parents of siblings), at 6.30pm and 7.15pm. Our first Parents Evening will be held over two nights on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October – further details to be sent out nearer the time.

We look forward as ever to many extracurricular experiences for the children. We have a full sporting calendar once again and there will be a range of visits, residential trips and special days – further details about all residential will follow soon. The school website calendar will contain major dates and the clubs list for this term is attached to this letter – letters from the adults running the clubs will follow accordingly. Further dates for the diary will be given in a letter that will go home tomorrow.

We are now into the second year of Conscious Discipline, our behaviour management programme. Conscious Discipline supports understanding children's behaviours and how to equip them with strategies in time of conflict. It also covers how to help children with reasoning, problem solving, as well as calming techniques and teaching how to respond, not react. We are offering training sessions for Conscious Discipline for parents on Thursday 20th September, Thursday 27th September and Thursday 4th October, all at 7pm. Please be advised that you would need to attend all three sessions as they cover different aspects of Conscious Discipline. The sessions last approximately one hour – please notify the school office if you are planning to attend.

At the start of the new school year I am reminded of our School's Mission statement: *Aspire to be Amazing* and our school values: *Respect, Individuality, Creativity, Honesty, Empathy and Resilience*. Over the summer, work was completed in the garden and the school also had a new internet service installed,



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allowing quicker and better access for staff and pupils alike. We have also obtained the finances to be able to re-surface the school playground; this work will be completed in the Autumn half-term.

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are beginning to prepare the calendar for the events to take place this year. And even though it's early in the term we will be competing in our first tournament as the football and netball teams take centre stage at the King's School next Friday. There is also a day of European languages coming up in September where the children will do lots of exciting multicultural activities.

As ever, we very much appreciate feedback and comments from parents and our community. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries. In the first instance, class teachers can usually be contacted before and after school in the playground or, otherwise, by appointment. If your query cannot be resolved by the class teacher, you can see Mr Gilbert, as Deputy Headteacher. I can be reached by email at head@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk or the school office admin@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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