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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you have all had a great summer break. I would first of all like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. Starting somewhere new can be daunting, but you have all helped me feel like I belong at Cottingley Village Primary School already. It has been great to meet many of you and I will continue to be outside on the gate at the start of the school day as often as it is possible.

The staff have been busy ensuring that school is ready for the children's return, and we have had some updates to the building too. New carpets have been fitted in many classrooms and redecoration of rooms has also taken place. Lockers have been fitted in every cloakroom area across school instead of pegs. This will ensure that these areas stay tidy and hopefully allow children to keep their belongings together. Let's hope that this reduces the many items that are lost throughout the year. The play area behind the school bungalow has also been tarmacked to provide a large play space to be used for before and after school club.

I will be spending the first few weeks seeing how things work in school, talking to pupils, staff and parents and identifying things that need to be improved. Please come and see me if you would like to discuss anything that you feel needs to be looked at or improved to make our school a better place for all.

On a Friday we are going to have a celebration assembly. This will take place in school at 9.05am until 9.30am. This will replace the parents' sharing assemblies that took place on a Friday morning. Each week 2 children from each class will be nominated for star of the week and someone will also be nominated for Headteacher star. You will be notified by text if your child is going to receive an award by Thursday lunchtime so you can join us at the assembly on a Friday morning to see your child receive their award. Please ensure that the office have your up to date mobile number so you can receive text messages. Also, if your child receives an award at an out of school club i.e. a swimming certificate, they can also bring this to the celebration assembly for this to be presented to them. You can also come along to see them receive this award too. Please can we limit it to 2 adults per child as space in the hall is limited. Celebration assemblies will start Friday 13th September 2024 at 9.05am. Please come to the main school office and sign in if your child is receiving an award.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsty Hutchinson
Headteacher