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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. I can hardly believe that we are at the start of yet another new academic year, welcoming everybody back after the long summer break. Firstly, a big thank you for all of the generous gifts and cards that so many of you gave to myself and staff members at the end of last term; they really were much appreciated by us all.

The start of the new academic year is always a little nerve wracking for staff and children after such a long break but mostly it is an exciting time for everyone in school and we are all really looking forward to another action packed year here at Coleham. We are especially delighted to welcome our new reception children and any other new children who have joined Coleham School this term and all of their parents/carers. Our new reception children will be coming to school for mornings only this week to help them to settle in and we are all really looking forward to getting to know them. I would like to invite **all** Coleham parents along to our first coffee morning of the year on Thursday 19th September (8:45am onwards in the Coach House, near the EYFS building). We hope to see you there.

Over the holidays, a lot of refurbishment work has been going on here at school. We have had new adventure play equipment on the Key Stage 1 playground to add to the equipment, which we installed a few years ago. The new area looks fantastic and I am sure that the children will love playing on it at break and lunchtimes. We have also made extensive improvements to our forest school area. We have had two tree decks installed at the children's request so they will have better access to their pulley system and also a new woodwork area, mud kitchen area and we are still working on the den building area. Miss Saunders will be taking over as our Forest School leader, having completed her Forest School qualification and with the new areas and new equipment purchased, we hope to be running some sessions for some of our older children over the coming year, as well as continuing the sessions we provide for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. Extensive work has also taken place in the main school, with new windows being fitted in many of the rooms.

There are a number of staffing changes, which I would like to make you aware of this term. As you know, Mr Larkham will continue in the role of Deputy Head teacher this year. In order to focus on this important leadership role, he will not have a class of his own, however he will be teaching Year 6 maths on a daily basis and also leading Key Stage 2. Mr Lowrie-Herz will also join the leadership team and become the Year 3 and 4 phase leader and Mrs Stennett will take over the leadership of Years 1 and 2. Miss Harris will continue to lead our EYFS team. We are very pleased to welcome Ms Cale, who will be job sharing with Mrs Perry in Year 1. Miss Melville will also be joining our EYFS team and teaching RX. We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Mason, Mrs Newton and Miss Gregory, who will be joining our team of Teaching Assistants.

If you would like to talk to us over the coming year about anything, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. You are also very welcome to contact the relevant members of the

Senior Leadership Team by telephone or in person if you have any further concerns, as we are keen to address any issues quickly and efficiently. We find that face-to-face conversations are the best way to solve issues, so please do pop in and see us if you have a concern or ring the main school office. Please see the attached Contact Details sheet for key members of staff within school.

I would like to invite you all into school on 16th September (3:30-4:30 pm) to an open classroom event, which will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and discuss what your child will be learning about this academic year. We will also host a Curriculum Evening on 14th October (3:30-4:30 pm), to which all parents/carers are invited, to gain advice from us regarding how best to support your child(ren's) learning at home. I hope to see you at these events. Please see our school website regularly, which lists all key events within school, has copies of all letters that we send out and has a news section, in which we upload various photographs of school events for you to view. We will also continue to produce our weekly bulletin sheets, the first of which will be coming out this Friday and will include important dates (including Christmas performance dates!) and other key information.

I will look forward to seeing you all over the course of the term, either at the school gates or at one of our school events.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Jones
Headteacher