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Dear Chestnut Class

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Newlands Primary School. I am aware that some of you know the school well as you have older children that currently attend but for many of you this is a new journey. The children have settled into school well and I am sure that you will agree that they all look incredibly smart as they arrived in their new uniforms. I am so proud of the way that they have all adapted to their new routines and feel confident that this will continue as time moves on.

As you know already, my name is Miss Davies and this year is my fourth year in Newlands Primary School. Mrs Stringer is our full time Learning Support in Chestnut.

The children have been developing their independence each day and exploring all the new resources. They have all approached the new school routines fantastically and responded well to their responsibilities. They are already very familiar with all the areas of the environment and beginning to use the different resources with increasing control.

There has been lots of excitement each day by new discoveries. Our learning is based around each child's interest and we endeavour to develop and expand these into new fantastic learning opportunities.

Reading books will be sent home as of Monday next week. Please read these at least three times. We do not set homework in Chestnut class but we do ask that you read a minimum of four times a week with your children and record it in their reading record. This can be looking at pictures, looking for sounds, retelling the story and discuss what has / could happen. School reading books will then be taken in on a Friday so they can be quarantined over the weekend. Please do share any books from home over the weekend instead.

Mrs Stringer and I are very excited for the year ahead and we cannot wait to see where each child's interests take us.

Thank you for your engagement into tapestry already through comments and 'likes', please do continue along with uploading pictures and videos. We love to see what the children achieve and enjoy doing when they're not at school and we know the children really love to share these experiences with the class as well.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me at the door or call/email the school office if you require any further information. I am very excited about the forthcoming academic year and know that I will have a wonderful time getting to know both you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Davies