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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

The children have settled into their new classes really well this term. We have welcomed a few new families to our community and are very pleased with the way the children who have just started have settled into our school straight away.

I would like to thank parents, carers, children, staff and governors for the warm welcome to Muswell Hill Primary School. I write this note of thanks on behalf of other new members of staff who also began working here in September. We all feel we have also been welcomed into the school community.

During the first few weeks of term it has been valuable to meet with many parents and carers in Years 1 to 6. Each meeting was a useful experience to discuss the school with you and look toward plans for the future. It has been helpful to meet parents and carers before and after school in addition to these meetings. Parents and carers of children in Reception are invited to meet with me on Thursday 10th October at 9am in the Treehouse classroom in the Key Stage 2 playground.

These meetings, as well as the parental survey held in the Summer Term, have helped form a view of what the vision for the school will be this academic year and beyond. We will be sharing the results of the parent survey very soon.

I will be discussing this vision with parents and carers at the Annual General Meeting of the Staff Parent Association on Wednesday 9th October 2013.

Breaking news

We are delighted to be launching our new school website today!

Dan Salem and Simon Wantman have worked incredibly hard over many months to design the site and upload items to populate it. We are really proud of the website and see it as a very useful tool to support communication. We will be uploading correspondence and making sure that 'breaking news' is shared. Each class has an area where excellent learning will be seen.

I would like to mention the hard work from our staff team in making sure that the site is ready to launch. Musawir, our ICT technician, has worked many extra hours to scan and upload items. Annette, our Office Manager, has made sure that information is available and Carrie, our ICT subject leader, has really supported the process as she continues to drive ICT in the school. The website will be continually updated by all staff across the school with the support of Musawir. Finally, a note of thanks to the children in Year 5 who were commissioned to draw the staff. Their pictures can be seen under 'school office' then 'staff.'

The website can now be found at: **www.muswellhillprimary.co.uk**

As has been mentioned in previous correspondence, if you would rather that your child's image is not shown on the website, please let the school office know by completing an 'Opt Out' form. This form is available to download with this Newsletter on the website or in paper form from the school office.

Football Fridays

We are close to the launch of 'Football Fridays.' This is a lunchtime event where the whole school will get involved! In the very near future we hope the children will be talking of either their participation or their supporting role in this weekly event. There will be an assembly to explain the event in detail to the children. Please look out for details of fixtures and match reports on the school website.

Communication

As well as our new website, the school will continue to communicate through email, text and paper correspondence. If any of your contact details, including contact telephone numbers, have changed please alert the school office.

Term Dates

Key events are listed on the school website under 'calendar.' The SPA have many events across the term all of which are can be found on the calendar.

Here are some other key dates for this term:

- 1) Curriculum meetings: week commencing 23rd September
- 2) Y6 School Journey: week commencing 30th September
- 3) Parents of children in Reception can meet the new Headteacher: 10th October at 9am
- 4) Half Term: week commencing 28th October
- 5) Parent consultation evenings: Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 6th November
- 6) Term ends: Friday 20th December

Yours sincerely,



James Wiltshire

Headteacher