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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of my first week at Headlands, I want to express my sincere thanks to the children, staff, parents and governors for the warm welcome I have received.

The children have settled into their new classes quickly and everyone seems to be enjoying the return to 'normal' school life. Lots of children have shared how much they enjoyed gathering in the hall on Tuesday, when I welcomed each Key Stage back to school. Playtimes and lunchtimes have been happy and sociable, as children have resumed sharing the outdoor space with other classes. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces and hear the buzz of play and learning around school and throughout the day.

Morning and End of Day Routines

Whilst the easing of restrictions has brought joy to our classrooms, I understand that the start and end of the school day has been less successful for some families. Yesterday I wrote to you about some changes we are making to start and end of day routines; I am hopeful that these new procedures will alleviate some of the congestion and ensure that everyone arrives and leaves school feeling happy and safe. We will continue to monitor this situation closely over the coming days and weeks.

Diary Dates

We will soon be circulating diary dates for this term. In the interim I would like to give you advanced notice of the following events:

- **Service of Blessing at Christ Church - 10am Wednesday 15th September**
Everyone is very welcome to attend this event.
- **Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 17th September**
Pupils and staff are invited to come to school wearing jeans. We will be collecting silver coins on this day to support the charity Jeans for Genes.
- **Book Fair - 21st to 28th September**
You will soon be receiving separate information about this event.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September 9:00-10:00am**
This event is for parents and carers. Everyone is very welcome. Please come along to the school hall and enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake!

Thank you once again for your smiles and words of encouragement this week. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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