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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to all of the new children and families who are starting with us this term. My name is Mrs Desborough and I have taken over as Headteacher at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School from Mrs Mayfield. I am so excited to be joining such a wonderful school and its community of children, staff and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mayfield for her hard work and dedication over the many years that she served our school and wish her well in her retirement.

As we start a new school year, there are a few updates and changes to make you aware of. Over the summer, we have been having some building work completed to replace the external windows. This work is ongoing, and we are hoping that it will be completed during the week beginning 19th September. In the meantime, please bear with us, as there may be some disruption which we will endeavour to keep to a minimum.

We also have some new members of staff joining us this term. Ms Hiles will be in school working as our SENDCO one day a week until Mrs Hector returns. If you would like to discuss any concerns you have with regards to a Special Educational Need or Disability, please contact either the class teacher or the school office and arrange a meeting with Ms Hiles as required. Mr Richards has also joined our team as the Year 4 class teacher and Matt Dolphin has taken up a new role as caretaker. We welcome them all to their new posts and hope that they will be both happy and successful as members of our team.

A few general reminders:

* School starts at 8:50am. Children arriving after this time will need to come via the office and will be marked as ‘late’ in the register. The gate will open at 8:40am.
* School finishes at 3:20pm. Due to covid, in recent months the gates have been opened at the earlier time of 3:10pm to reduce crowding. However, from next week, we will return to opening the gates at 3:15pm, ready for a 3:20pm finish time.
* Please contact the school office (via phone, email or ParentMail) as early as possible if your child is absent.
* If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office so this can be arranged.
* Information from school will be sent via ‘ParentMail’ so please check your account regularly.
* School lunches should be ordered via sQuid. You can book a single meal or a block, but the deadline for ordering a lunch is midnight the day before it is required.
* Due to allergies, we ask that parents do not send snacks or lunch items that contain nuts.
* All children should bring a water bottle to school.
* PE kits should be kept in school so that they are available when required.
* Children can wear either their summer OR winter uniform until October half term. At this point, we will move over fully to the winter uniform.

Over the next few weeks, I will be spending time getting to know the children and staff and learning about the day-to-day life of the school. I am keen to hear from all members of the school community, including parents and carers, about the existing strengths of Cleobury Mortimer Primary School – of which I know there are many - as well as any aspects of school life that can be further developed. Details about how you can contribute to this consultation process will be sent out in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please know that my door is always open. I will also be at the front of school each morning and at the end of the day, so feel free to come and chat to me and say hello. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Desborough