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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the start of the autumn term. The children have settled well into their new classes and we have had an enjoyable and happy start to school.

Many of you will have noticed changes to the school. The main office and reception is now situated in the room by the hall. If you need to speak with Mrs Elliott or Mrs Harris this is where they are now based. Book bags will now be available from the office and not from classroom teachers as was the case before.

If your child is late for school please go into the office to let them know you have arrived and so that if registers have already come down to the office your child can be registered.

We have made a change to the arrangements to lunchtimes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children have traditionally eaten their packed lunches in their classrooms but staff felt that it would be more sociable and create a cosier family feel for all children to eat their packed lunches together in the hall. Hot dinners will continue to also be in the hall on Wednesdays and Fridays. The children have coped well with this change and seem to enjoy being able to mix with children from other classes and have a sociable lunchtime together.

The safety of your children is paramount, and for this reason we ask parents/carers not to bring their cars onto the drive between 8am and 5pm, and not to park on the yellow line (which is illegal). We also ask that you park with care and consideration for our neighbours. Parking in Hemdean Road is permitted for up to 2 hours.

It is vitally important that our records are correct. You should have received an Important Information sheet, please complete this and email it back to school. At the end of the academic year it will be emailed back to you to update. Therefore, those of you who will have no changes can just return this to us. If you have not received this form, please let Mrs Elliott know.

With this letter you will find a list of some of the activities we have planned for this term. Details of some events will be sent nearer to the actual time. Please note the first two events which will be taking place soon. **Friday September 23rd is Jeans for Genes** day so children can come to school in non-uniform on that date and we would ask for a



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voluntary donation to support this charity that gives care and support to children with genetic disorders.

The following **Friday on September 30th is our Open Morning**, please do come and look around the school and see your children working we are particularly keento invite any grandparents. We are using this occasion to host a **Macmillan Coffeemorning**and Donations of cakes would be appreciated. Children will be able to buy cakes with a voluntary contribution at break time to help raise money for this very worthwhile charity. Please come and join us for this event. We will be serving coffee and cakes in the HEU from 8.45 to 11.30 and again at 3.00 to 3.30. Meet a friend, have a chat and coffee and help raise funds.

I am sure you will all have noticed the lovely planters by the new office, I would like to thank the PTA for funding this and also for the purchase of goal posts, storage units for lunch boxes and the parent notice boards which will be arriving soon.

We have many bargains to be had at our garage sale in the drama studio on **Saturday 10thSeptember** between **10.00 and 16.00**. If you would like a desk for your child at home, novels, bookcases, and many more items please come along and see what we have. We also have a large range of sizes of good quality second hand items of school clothing and some clothing such as blazers which are brand new. If you need spare P.E. clothes we have tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirtsfor sale.

Very many thanks to Peter Dulborough who donated a piano to the school. He not only paid for it to be delivered, he also paid to have it tuned.

It has been lovely to speak with some of you as you bring and collect your children from school. I look forward to more opportunities to share plans for the school and talk with you in the forthcoming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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