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## *'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'*

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### **RE: A Warm Welcome!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend to each and every one of you a warm welcome back after what, I hope, was a wonderful Easter. We are all very much looking forward to what the summer term brings.

As I am sure you will know, I am the new Headteacher for Thakeham Primary School. I am thrilled to have been given this opportunity. I consider it a genuine privilege. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Hopkins for her thoughtful and considered leadership through the spring. I clearly have big shoes to fill!

Over the coming weeks, I will be making a considerable effort to get to know the school, the community and everything that makes it marvellous. I will be on the gate in the morning and the afternoon. Please do feel able to approach me and let me know about anything that is important to you. I will always do my very best to listen, hear you and support.

I have been a teacher for many years across EYFS to Key Stage 4. I was a Deputy Headteacher for almost eight years, as well as a SENCO. So, it goes without saying that high standards are important to me (as they are in any good school). However, of particular importance to me is the safety, mental health and emotional wellbeing of all those in our community. A change of leadership can sometimes be worrying for families. But, Thakeham will continue, as it always has done, to deliver an exceptional education to your little ones. It will remain a nurturing, happy and successful school; one for us all to be proud of.

I am looking forward to working with everyone in the community and doing what is right by our pupils.

With very best wishes,

Mr McDonald  
Headteacher

