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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to say that the first week 'Back to School' has gone very smoothly, just as planned. It was lovely to see all the children arriving through the gates and settling back into their classrooms and familiar school routines.

For these three weeks before Easter teachers are using a 'Recovery Curriculum', in order to motivate the children with class topics, build resilience and stamina for some independent working and to assess any gaps learning. This will include English and mathematics skills as well as finding out what has been remembered in their long-term memory.

Teachers will not be setting specific 'homework' or home learning tasks this term as the schooldays will be full and possibly tiring for children. We will encourage pupils to continue with daily reading, times tables practice and to follow up interest in their class topics.

By the summer term there will be the expectations of the full curriculum, homework and specific 'Booster' time for pupils. We will also plan our summer events as soon as restrictions allow. Thank you so much for all that you have done this year in supporting your child/ren and in getting them ready for a return to school again!

On a personal note, I have to inform you that as I reach my state pension age, I will be retiring at the end of this summer term. This has been a difficult decision for me as I still enjoy working with the children and the whole school community. After 43 years of teaching, with 26 years at Cawston and 13 years as headteacher, it is probably time to hand over the reins! I will write a letter to pupils and tell them in the first summer term assembly, but feel free to discuss before!

The governors and DNEAT are organising the headteacher recruitment process and are confident in being able to appoint an excellent headteacher as Cawston Primary is in a strong position for my successor.

In the meantime, please be assured that I will continue to work closely with staff and governors to ensure an exciting summer term for the children, as well as planning for the future improvement and development of the academy.

Kind regards,

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