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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back

It is a joy to write to you at the start of a new academic year. Welcome back to all our families and a very warm welcome to those joining us for the first time. Seeing the enthusiasm on the children's faces as they came through the school gates this morning was a wonderful reminder of what makes Cheapside such a special community- and a lovely way to begin the year together.

Before the children arrived, our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to fully refresh our classrooms and corridors. The school looks beautiful and every space has been prepared to be welcoming and engaging, so that our children can begin their learning journey again feeling settled, valued and ready to achieve their best. Just a quick reminder, I know life is extremely busy, but could we respect that we are a phone free school for drop offs, collections and during school visits.

A warm welcome to Mr Bowen

I am delighted to welcome Mr Bowen to our staff team. He will be teaching our Year 5 children this year and has already made a very positive start. I know you will join me in making him feel thoroughly at home at Cheapside.

Introducing the Arbor App

I am excited to introduce the Arbor App to our families this year. Arbor will give you a clear window into your child's time at school, allowing you to look at their attendance, behaviour and attainment progress, as well as book your parents' evening appointments directly through the app. It is a real step forward in the partnership between home and school and we hope you find it genuinely useful. Further information about setting the app up will follow shortly.

Introducing House Points

We are also delighted to launch House Points, a new positive reward system that will be promoted right across the curriculum. House Points give us another way to notice and celebrate the everyday effort, kindness and perseverance of our children- achieving their best in thought, in word and in deed. Totals and successes will be celebrated each week in our Weekly Newsletter, so do look out for how your child's house is getting on.



Meet the Teacher sessions

Each year group has a Meet the Teacher session at 3.30pm on the date below. These sessions are an opportunity to find out about our Autumn curriculum, hear our recommendations for learning at home, discuss our expectations for the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have. We do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend.

Date	Year group	Class
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 1	Robins
Friday 4 th September	Year 2	Doves
Monday 7 th September	Year 6	Owls
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 5	Kestrels
Thursday 10 th September	Year 4	Kingfishers
Friday 11 th September	Year 3	Nightingales

Admin and finance- action needed by tomorrow

There are a few housekeeping matters we would be grateful for your help with:

- Please ensure your school account is fully paid and up to date.
- Please pre-order lunches for your child, as this helps the kitchen plan accurately and reduces waste.
- Please book your child into any after-school clubs. Where numbers are low, we may unfortunately need to cancel a club, so early bookings genuinely make a difference.

We would be grateful if these could all be completed by **tomorrow, Thursday 3 September**.

On a related note, Mrs Leitch still has a number of outstanding forms to collect. Please do check that she has everything she needs from you so that we can ensure a smooth and settled start to the academic year for every child.

Important changes to our Health and Safety procedures

This year we have made two significant changes to our Health and Safety procedures, both designed to keep our children as safe as possible. If your

child has an allergy, or has begun to show any signs of one, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we hold the correct and current information to support them properly. Where an EpiPen is prescribed, please ensure it has been brought into school, is in date, and is clearly labelled. We cannot administer emergency medication we do not hold, so this is a matter we take very seriously.

And finally

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We begin this year as we mean to go on- doing everything in love and encouraging our children to achieve their best in thought, in word and in deed. Here's to a wonderful year ahead.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Martucci', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mr C Martucci
Head Teacher