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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term. I do hope that you found time for an enjoyable and restful break over the Easter period and that your child is looking forward to what promises to be an exciting and busy Summer Term. Can I also thank you for all your help and support last term. Attached is a list of important dates which will help to provide advanced notice of when things will take place this term.

I am pleased to announce that Miss Cox has given birth to a baby boy. Baby Lennon was born on 19th April. Congratulations to Miss Cox and her new family.

On an unhappier note, you will have read in the news that schools are finding themselves under increased financial pressure with rapidly rising costs and cuts to school budgets. Sadly, Castlecroft finds itself in this position with a large cut to the school's funding and increasing costs. In response to this the school is restructuring its workforce as well as exploring other ways of reducing expenditure and increasing income. Whilst this is a hugely disappointing situation, please can I reassure all parents that the children at Castlecroft remain at the centre of all decisions made and we remain committed to trying to provide the best education to all our children despite the challenges faced.

One of the changes we are making to increase funding is to provide 30 hour nursery provision from September. As you might be aware, working parents qualify for an additional 15 hours free nursery/childcare provision from September 2017 (ie 30 hours in total) and parents will be able to go online from the start of May to check if they are eligible. A survey undertaken by the school suggests that this will be popular with parents and if you are considering registering your child for a nursery place can I urge you to do that promptly.

It is not too late to sign up for Free or Discounted charged meals for your child. It may be that your circumstances have changed recently. If you would like more information please see Mrs Jones or Miss Smith and they can chat it through with you and give you the necessary forms. It is a very quick and simple process. It can

also be done on line through the Wolverhampton Council web site. Families where annual income does not exceed £16,190 are eligible.

Milk money for this term will be £11.00. For children to be eligible for free milk this term, they must be under five on the first day of term. Only semi-skimmed milk is provided for Years 1 - 6. **Please note that all children in Infants who now take dinners as part of the Universal Infant Free School meals Scheme still have to pay for school milk and children taking meals at £1.40 per meal under the Flexible Charging scheme need to pay for their milk.** Please note that all milk monies need to be in by **Friday 5th May at the very latest**. It will not be possible to order milk after this date. Thank you. Please will you help us by sending the money in a named envelope.

Our Football club resumes this week on Friday for all years. Any child wishing to join these clubs for the first time can enjoy a 'taster' session free and thereafter the cost is £2.50 a week. This is payable to the football coaches at each session.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Dyall
Headteacher.