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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand new term and academic year. Exciting times are ahead and I am pleased to be working with you all.

I would like to especially welcome the new children and parents who have joined us in the nursery, reception and throughout the school. We are delighted that you have chosen Dorchester Primary School for your child to start or continue their learning journey. I hope it will be a fantastic learning experience full of lots of different activities.

I would also like to welcome the new staff; Mrs. Deborah Damestani, Deputy, Ms Natalie Jablonski, Nursery teacher and Foundation Stage Co-ordinator, Ms Melissa Hayden, Ruby Class teacher, Ms Lauren Clogg, Sapphire Class teacher, Mrs. Gina Colman, Mrs Hema Harshavardhan, Mrs. Hannah Phillips, Mrs Elaine Berriman, learning support assistants and Mrs Tina Dullaway and Ms Kate Thomas in the office. We are very lucky to have recruited new high quality staff.

We were pleased with our SATs results in July 2007. The Year 6 children made us proud - 80% gained level 4 and above in Maths and English; 93% level 4 and above for Science. We still need to do better and with your support I'm sure we will continue to improve.

During the summer we had a new boiler installed and new pipes throughout Key Stage 1. Unfortunately the new building work didn't start due to a delay by the LEA which was very annoying. I will keep you up to date with the start date and programme of work. We are hoping that it will start in October half term. This is very disappointing but out of my hands!

We are looking forward to lots of exciting visits for each class - some new ones as well as some traditional ones. The school journey to the Isle of Wight is

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booked for the Year 6 pupils which will be an experience they all cherish as one of their last memories of their time at Dorchester Primary School.

We will be continuing to improve the school environment and we are looking at redesigning our website too.

Every year is always very busy at school and good fun!

I hope we continue to have a long and successful partnership working together in order to achieve the best education for your child.

We look forward to another successful year!

With kind regards,

Louise Austin
Head teacher