Friday 11th September

**NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Every person matters, every moment counts “I can do all this through him who gives me strength”**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school to you all. It’s so lovely to be all back together…ish!

I am slowly getting used to being Ms Rowe and the children are being great at reminding me all through the day. This year in Ash we are so lucky to have 3 TAs working with us. Mrs Beckhurst will be in the classroom with us all the time and Mrs Marsella Brookes and Mrs Belcher will share being in class in the mornings as well as working with small groups and 1:1. Mrs Belcher will also be with our Ash Class Year 1s when they are in Oak on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

We are starting the term with a whole school topic using a fabulous book called The Lost Words. It is a beautifully illustrated and filled with ‘magic spell’ poems which will help to conjure back words from the British countryside that are in danger of being lost from the language of children. There are lots of opportunities to enrich the vocabulary of children through exciting and enchanting ‘spells’ as well as becoming scientists, artists and mathematicians in the world of nature. Following on from this the Key Stage 1 topic will be Fire and Festivals, more information about this will follow.

**Recovery curriculum and PSHE**

In Ash Class we are assessing the children in their basic maths, English and phonics knowledge through fun activities and observations. Once we have a clear picture of their needs and achievements, we can start to plan and target specific areas where we need to close the gap and help children to catch up. Across the school we have a big focus on mental health and wellbeing, team work and building relationships. This is being taught through specific lessons as well as ensuring we maintain a fun and happy environment, with activities set up to promote the above skills.

**Homework**

You should have received an updated homework guide outlining expectations and general information. Homework will be set each Monday and will be due in the following Monday. We will hand it back the same day. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

**Routines**

Our PE days are Monday and Friday and the children are to come in wearing plain PE kit which is suitable for outdoors. Our book changing days are Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that your write in the diary that you have read at home and then the book will be changed.

I am so pleased to be starting a new year at Charlton again in Ash Class and am looking forward to properly meeting all of you when circumstances allow.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any queries and I look forward to working with you.

Kind regards

Bev Rowe

Ash Class Teacher