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Dear families,

A very Happy New Year to you all!

I write to you towards the end of the afternoon of my first wonderful day as Headteacher of Cuddington. I have been delighted to meet children and classes today, have already seen some fantastic work from pupils and have been welcomed warmly by children and adults alike across the whole community.

As a first day here, I wasn't expecting a repeat of the snow from yesterday, but enjoyed a wintry stint on the gate this morning and seeing the various children arriving by sledge. I will assume this happens here every day, and that this is the 'Cuddington way'! Thank you for greeting me with such a warm welcome on the gate, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces and chat with many of you.

I feel proud already of the brilliant start children have made to their learning today. Classrooms are calm and productive, and pupils are back to their routines.

Mrs Mills and the team have given me a thorough handover, and I have spent time during last term and over the holidays getting to know the school 'behind the scenes' and fact-finding across the curriculum and outcomes. I am excited to build on success here, and have been busy building a plan of priorities and actions for the weeks and months ahead.

So families know what to expect from me, I would like to reach out to you with the following opportunities to hear your voices in the coming weeks.

- A **survey** to let me know your voice on the school, to celebrate and help me plan next steps.
- I will share **whole-school strategic targets for 2025** with you, so you know what we've identified for improvement in this next cycle.
- **'Surgery' sessions** – where you can book an appointment to call in for ten minutes and talk to me about something school-related that you want to chat about.
- For those of you with **ongoing dialogue with Mrs Mills** relating to your child, I may ask that you drop in to get to know me and build our relationship.

I will let you know the timings for the above over the coming week. I will be available on the gate each morning for messages and look forward to getting to know you and the community better.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Mrs Beth Hacking

Headteacher