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Dear Parents and Carers

End Of Term Letter

I thought I would write to you all as we break up today for May half-term holiday. It has now been 38 days since I stepped into Burwell as its Interim Head and the awe and wonder I first experienced continues to bless me daily. The Staff team really is an outstanding one and a measure of that is the news that we appointed three of these colleagues to the Senior Leadership team, underlining the tremendous capacity and potential of those at Burwell – more of that below.

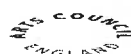
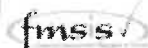
This term has been dominated by the statutory testing of Year 6 and Year 2s. I was closely involved with the Year 6 tests (acting as a scribe and reader most days) so witnessed first-hand the dedication and commitment of the pupils. Simply amazing! I have to admit a good many of the questions had me working hard to solve them too. Anyone who thinks tests are not what they used to be is living in the past. The reality is very different. Well done to the pupils for their excellent attitude and application and well done to the staff who prepared them so sensibly.

As you are already aware, we are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues at the end of term (in July). We have five teachers leaving us then – and I will be communicating a proper goodbye and appreciation at that time. I am delighted to announce that we have been most successful in our recruitment this term, interviewing many excellent colleagues from both within and beyond Burwell. Following these, I can confirm we have appointed the following people (from September):

- Ms Colette McNally (current Y5/6 Phase Lead) to the role of Deputy Head
- Miss Dani Hunt (current Y6 Teacher) to the role of Y5/6 Phase Leader
- Mrs Leah Mason (current Y1 Teacher) to the role of Y1/2 Phase Leader
- Ms Rebecca Munro (who is a very experienced Teacher currently based in the UAE) to the role of Class Teacher
- Miss Naomi Stafford who lives locally and is undergoing her training as a Teacher to the post of Class Teacher

We welcome them into these roles/or the school generally and wish them all every success in their respective positions.

Communication is very important to me and I try to get out into the playground every day I am in school. If you cannot get hold of me then, do remember that you can always contact me if there is anything you wish to raise about the school. My email is rcampbell@burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk. I welcome receipt



of anything – whether good, bad or ugly. Mercifully there has not been too much of the latter to date. For your information, I will actually be on holiday myself next week (in a caravan so really hoping for good weather) and will not be checking my email again until the following weekend (Saturday 1st June 2019).

I am sure many of you are wondering (still) what is happening next regarding the leadership of the school. I understand from the IEB that Mr Smith's illness means he is still not able to return yet and they are happy for me to extend my interim role until 31st May 2019, which I am also very pleased to undertake. Should the need arise, I am able and willing to be Interim Head until the end of term. I love being in and around Burwell and will give my all whilst in the role.

Finally I would like to wish all a relaxing half-term. I hope the children are able to have a good rest (and hopefully enjoy some fresh air and healthy exercise!). I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd June 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Campbell', written in a cursive style.

Robert Campbell
INTERIM HEAD TEACHER