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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very fond and warm welcome back to you! It seems as though we were only waving goodbye to the last academic year five minutes ago and already the new one is upon us! I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and that you are looking forward to this new academic year as much as I am. There are already lots of things on the horizon – the launch of our own breakfast and after school club and the impending Year 5 and 6 residential trip to France to name just a couple. I am very much looking forward to getting to know our new children and families as well as being reacquainted with our existing ones.

The Governors are currently in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for Shobnall Primary School. They look forward to informing you of their appointment later on this month, once shortlisting and interviews have taken place. In the interim, I am delighted to be undertaking the role of Acting Headteacher until January and thought it may be beneficial to tell you a little more about myself, as the appointment of a new Headteacher can be a time of uncertainty for a school community.

I grew up in and around the surrounding area of Burton-on-Trent and undertook my secondary and sixth form education at John Taylor High School in Barton-under-Needwood. It was from there that I moved up north to gain Qualified Teacher Status at the University College of York St. John where I specialised in English and Early Years. I graduated in 2003 and spent some time working as a supply teacher in schools in Bradford to gain further experience before securing my first permanent post at St. John's Preparatory School in Lichfield, teaching EYFS and Key Stage 1 until its closure in 2006. From there, I moved to All Saints' C of E Primary School in Alrewas where I stayed for ten happy years. As well as teaching the full range of age groups, during that time I became Assistant Headteacher and was, for a while, Acting Headteacher, which helped me to make the transition to senior leadership before gaining the post of Deputy Headteacher here at Shobnall Primary School in 2016. This year sees the start of my fourth year at the school. I have recently completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship and am excited to be starting this academic year as the Acting Headteacher of such a warm, friendly, aspiring and dynamic primary school.

I have always prided myself on my commitment to teaching and learning and promoting excellence. Being a Headteacher is a huge privilege and I am highly motivated and passionate to pursue a position of greater leadership in a school that supports and upholds my own vision of providing a broad and balanced curriculum for children, with high aspirations for all, and core teaching values of excellence and creativity. I am an advocate for reading and the Arts in particular but my sole motivation, which is at the heart of everything I do, is the children. "Happy Children, Inspired Learners" is not only the mission statement for our



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school, but mirrors my own mantra for what I believe school should be about – fun! I believe in empowering every child with the opportunity to achieve and have a lifelong enjoyment for learning. All achievements should be celebrated and every person within the school community should feel valued and respected.

Shobnall Primary School is a highly successful school and my aim is to build and develop the systems and procedures that are already embedded in order to work further towards the vision we all share. I hope that the experiences I have had can enhance these structures and help the school continue to move forward alongside a dedicated, nurturing and committed network of staff.

It is important for you to know that my door is always open! Please feel free to come and speak to me whenever the need arises, whether it be to discuss any concerns you may have, celebrations or news to share or simply just to say, “hello”. I will endeavour to speak to you at the earliest available opportunity. I look forward to getting to know you and to working alongside you over the forthcoming months.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Adams  
*Acting Headteacher*