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Dear Grazebrook families,

Welcome back to a new school year; I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and have returned to us energised and enthused for a year ahead. Even in a few short days, we have had many things to be excited about and the year will certainly continue to go from strength to strength.

This year, we are continuing our focus on reading and we are delighted to have kick-started our term with a very special visitor. Published author, Tom McLaughlin was at Grazebrook on Wednesday to share with our pupils his lovely book – *The Story Machine*. Pupils learnt about his journey to becoming an author, where and how he gets his ideas and even had a go at being illustrators themselves; it was such a wonderful way to launch our year and the pupils were buzzing with excitement. It is just one of a number of events in which will be celebrating all things reading-related this year. We will also shortly be launching our new Reading Album initiative, which we are sure will be a huge success and help us to celebrate our joy of reading as well as providing a precious keepsake for years to come – more information to follow on this early next week.

I wrote a great deal in my bulletin last year about our Sustainability Project and I am pleased to tell you that we will be continuing the momentum with The World We Want. Our Meat-Free Mondays are firmly established, our school garden flourishes and our soon to be formed Sustainability School Council will take us forward with our sustainability pledges. The legacy will continue!

Today we have sent out our Knowledge Organisers and Curriculum Leaflets in one handy document to stick on your fridge at home and Maker Mats will come to you next week. Our topics in Key Stages One and Two are all history based so please do get visiting museums and monuments and talking to your children about the past. We are so lucky to have so much on our doorstep and we will be making the most of it too. Next week also sees our Meet the Teacher events after school; we would love to see you there and to have the chance to share more with you about how the year will be shaping up.

Of course, our dedicated PSA are already busy with their plans; this half term sees our brilliant Barn Dance on **20th September** so save the date and get your dancing boots out! There will be much more to look forward to over the course of the year and I am sure the PSA will welcome any support you may be able to offer.

It remains for me to say a huge welcome to our newest families, especially those embarking on their first few days of school in our Nursery and Reception. The children have settled so well, it is really a joy to see them in their classes.

We also welcome a few new members of staff – Mr Spencer has joined us from Shacklewell as Assistant Headteacher for EYFS and English and we also welcome Ms Boon to Year Two, Mrs Beecroft to Year Four and Ms Raybe to Nursery. Please do say hello when you see them in the playground.

Please keep an eye on our website, the school's Twitter page (@Grazebrook_Pri) and my bulletins for further details of the events this year, all key documents and information, and some great photos of our learning too.

It is my absolute privilege to lead Grazebrook school as part of the New Wave Federation alongside Ms Reid and my Senior Leadership Team. I share Ms Reid's passionate belief that all our children deserve the very best life chances and I am very pleased to be working alongside our fantastic staff and community to ensure that our children have a wonderful year.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday at 8.55am.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jess', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jess Hutchison
Headteacher