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Dear Parents/Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all!

I am very pleased to introduce myself to you and explain what arrangements have been made for the leadership of the school. Mr Mason was sorry to leave as he has had such a fantastic time being involved with everyone in the school. And I know that you will have appreciated his efforts on behalf of your youngsters. He has undertaken to head up the leadership team at Northgate High School to allow Mr Hambling, the headteacher, to spend time ensuring that everything is in place for a successful start to the multi academy trust in March.

As did Mr Mason I will be in school for two days each week to provide some support to the excellent group of colleagues who work so hard to ensure that your youngsters have the best learning experience that they can provide. The arrangement was made during the holidays so this is the first opportunity to inform you of the change. I am really looking forward to being part of the school and the community and am eager to get to know you as well as your youngsters.

Yesterday staff were in school planning some exciting learning opportunities for our youngsters. We are excited to let you know that during this half term we have planned a focus on writing and maths right across the school; and beyond! We will be giving youngsters the opportunity to develop their literacy skills and to explore how creative they can be. As National Storytelling Week starts on January 30th we are hoping that we can all share stories, staff included. It would be even better if family members could participate too. A story, no matter how long or short, written by an adult provides a fantastic model for young people and encourages them to be creative. If you can channel your inner Dickens or Picoult we would love to hear from you and look forward to enjoying your writing.

Our focus on problem-solving in maths will prove to be exciting AND challenging. We are aiming to develop our youngsters' reasoning skills and their ability to apply their mathematical





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knowledge to 'real life' situations. Again, it would be such a help if you could join with us! The attached challenge is for you to complete with you youngster (s). Return it to school on Monday January 12th and we will publish the Problem Solving Roll of Honour at the end of the week.

I am sure that you are aware of our on-going search for Midday Supervisors. Currently staff members undertake the duties meaning that they have **very** little time during the day for a break. To make sure that we can continue to provide care for youngsters at lunch time we urgently need you help in filling the two vacant posts. The pay isn't very good (£7.52 per hour) and the time needed is from 11.45 to 1 o'clock. **HOWEVER**, as you know, the school is lovely, the pupils are delightful and the staff so friendly! We would welcome anyone who has the time to help us and become part of our school community. If you are not able to help us yourself perhaps you know someone who can? If so, please get in touch via email or telephone for further information.

This term each of our three classes will be learning through a different theme. Comets Class will be delving into the history of World War II, especially relevant given our link to the 392nd Bomb Group. Planets Class are going to discover the World of Roald Dahl and will be visiting Banham Zoo to follow up on scientific aspects of Dahl's writing. Stars Class will be learning about kings and queens (and no doubt practising being waited on at home!) and visiting Norwich Castle.

As always we are pleased to see you in school and respond to any requests, worries or successes!

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