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Dear parent / carer,

As I write, we have just reached the end of our first week back. I was joined by members of staff on Tuesday for a very productive training day and, on Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome back our pupils for the start of an exciting Spring Term. As always, we have been very impressed by their hard work, good manners and enthusiasm for learning. Our pupils, together with our talented staff team, make Neatherd a very special place indeed.

We have a busy five weeks ahead of us this half-term. Next week, we are hosting the Mid-Norfolk Cross Country Championships, our Year 11 pupils will be receiving their mock exam results and we have our Year 10 Parents Evening on Wednesday. Looking further ahead, our Key Stage 3 pupils will be taking their mid-year assessments, Year 11 will have their Parents Evening and our Year 9 pupils will be starting the process of choosing their options subjects for GCSE. On top of all this, we have some very talented pupils busily preparing for our annual school production which, this year, is the musical *Matilda*. We will be in touch with more information about all of these events in the weeks to come.

In response to feedback from pupils and parents, we have begun to award 5 House Points every time a pupil is given a Golden Ticket. Next week, our Senior Pupils will be joining me for a shared lunch so that we can talk about their views on school life. This will become a weekly event, with different groups of pupils meeting with me each time. I am also keen to hear your views and suggestions on Neatherd and will be reinstating our termly Parent Forum meetings later this half-term. I hope that you will be able to join me and my colleagues from the Senior Leadership Team as we all work together to ensure that we give our young people the outstanding education and the best possible start in life that they deserve.

Have a good weekend. Happy New Year and best wishes for 2023!

Mr J. Mallett
Headteacher



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