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Dear Silver Birch Class,

A few weeks ago, you discovered that I will be teaching you in Silver Birch Class next year. I thought I would write to you to tell you a little more about me and what we will be doing in Year 3 as I will not get to see you all before the summer break.

My name, as you know, is Mr Redhead and I am really looking forward to teaching you this year. This will be my second year at Newlands and my second year teaching Year 3. Previously I taught at a school in Wokingham where I spent time teaching years 3, 4, 5 and 6, so you could say I have a little insight into what you can expect as you make your journey through Key Stage 2.

Before becoming a teacher, I worked for a computer company as a Service Manager, which meant when big companies had problems with their computers I had to organise engineers to fix them. It wasn't much fun and I always wanted to be a teacher so I jumped at the opportunity to change jobs a few years ago. I have loved every minute and there is no better feeling than seeing all my pupils improve and develop both academically and as people. That is what I intend to help you do during our time together.

As well as being a teacher, I am also a qualified cricket coach and I play for Cove Cricket Club in Farnborough. In addition to enjoying cricket, I also like other sports such as Ice Hockey and Football. I am originally from Nottingham and support Nottingham Forest Football Club, Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey Club and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

I live in Farnborough, I am married to Sheila who is a nurse and have 2 sons, Tom aged 22 and William aged 18. They both still live with me and are both season ticket holders for Nottingham Forest, so do a lot of travelling during the football season. They are both very good cricketers and also play for Cove Cricket Club. Tom has even spent two years playing cricket in South Africa.

I enjoy teaching all the subjects but I love history, geography, PE and maths in particular. Our topic in September is the Stone Age and Iron Age so we will have some fun finding out all about life in that period. I believe learning can and should be fun. Also, I encourage everyone to 'have a go' and not to be scared about making mistakes (I'll make plenty). That's how we learn. As long as you work hard and try your best, I am sure you will all do really well in Silver Birch Class and make a great start to Key Stage 2. Mrs Furzland has told me a lot about you all and what a super class you are. So, have a great summer break (keep reading and practising your times tables) and I can't wait to see you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Redhead