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Dear 3M,

Next year I am delighted to say that I will be your teacher and we will be called 4B. I remember lots of you from Reception and I am greatly looking forward to meeting anyone who has since joined St Wilfrid's.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have been teaching at St Wilfrid's for about 4 years now, working mainly in Reception, Year 6 and Year 5. I love being a teacher. I have a pet tortoise; can you remember when I brought him to school? I also have a pet canary who loves to sing very early in the morning.

Moving into Year 4 is very exciting and your classroom will be upstairs. You will still learn from your desks and you will be encouraged to carry on being independent learners. This year we will be learning Spanish, which is new to me too, so we will learn together - by the end of the year we will hopefully be able to have a short conversation in Spanish.

Here are a few tasks you can do to prepare yourself for the Autumn term in Year 4:

- Practise your handwriting – you could write a letter back to me (the address is at the top of the letter) or copy out your favourite poem or an extract from a story.
- Use a ruler to draw straight lines and practice using scissors – get those hand muscles working again, maybe create a picture or a card.
- Read – anything and everything. We can have a chat about what you have been reading when we return.
- Practise your times tables – there are some very catchy tunes on YouTube to give you a hand.

Next year, we have lots of exciting activities planned for you. For our first topic, we are travelling back in time to learn all about Romans - you could do some research e.g. when were they around? What did the Romans do for us? What did a traditional Roman soldier look like? - you could draw and label this. What important work did the Romans do for us? Or any other research would be great.

In science, we will be looking at electricity and circuits - you could make a list of all the items you have in your house that use electricity (I bet you'll be surprised how long that list is).

I know that coming back to school may seem a little worrying for some of you, but please don't worry – we will be with you every step of the way. All your teachers are here to guide, support and encourage you. There will be lots of time to discuss how you are feeling and what you have been up to. It may take a little while for things to get back to 'normal' but we can enjoy the adventure together.

I'm so excited to see you all in September – I hope that you are too. We will have a wonderful year together.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barnes