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Dear Mr. Neville

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We hope you will forgive us for responding in this way to your kindness following Christopher's death. Our plan had been to write everyone individually but we were simply overwhelmed by the hundreds of messages friends and colleagues have sent over the past month, and which are continuing to arrive every day.

We are very grateful for each of them. Our world was forever changed when we lost Christopher, and we will always miss him greatly. However, the support from so many people has brought enormous comfort at a time when we needed it most.

Following the services for Christopher, the three of us took some time to rest and to be together as a family. We are now home and are resuming our ordinary responsibilities.

During his twenty-three years, Christopher enriched all of our lives, and he continues to do so now, even after his death. While we were away, we heard from the daughter of one of the recipients of Christopher's kidneys, who told us that her family had prayed for a miracle for seven years while their father suffered from kidney disease. He is showing considerable improvement following the transplant. Additionally, the generosity of so many people in contributing to the memorial fund at Sedbergh School, which was such an important part of Christopher's education, has far exceeded our expectations. The school has received over \$26,000, which they will be able to put to very good use.

It is during the saddest times that the kindness of others helps most. We will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness, which has done so much to lighten our burden.

Best Wishes

Julia, Patrick and Perrin