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Headteacher's Newsletter

Staffing

It really important to me as a headteacher that we get the best staff so that we can ensure the quality of teaching is the best that we can provide. I have spoken in previous head's newsletters of the challenges facing schools recruiting teachers in this part of the country. Teachers are able to work closer to London and receive higher pay or move further away from London and pay cheaper living costs.

Mrs Tanvir and Mrs Muirden are both currently employed on short term contracts until September to allow us time to find a long term replacement for Mrs Chin who left earlier in the year. Miss Firminger has been offered work abroad and Mrs Spowart will also be leaving at the end of term to care for an elderly relative who lives in another part of the country.

We recently held a recruitment process for all of these roles and were lucky to have a strong field of candidates apply. I am therefore pleased to inform you that in September Ms Michelle Nicholls will be joining us in Nursery from Nascot Wood Infants. Miss Molly McGrath and Miss Sujitha Jeeva will also both be joining as full time teachers.

All our new teachers will be coming into school before the end of term to get to know the school and spend time getting to know the children.

Congratulations to Miss Stap who works in the office and as a mid-day supervisor who got married over the weekend. She will now be known as Mrs Page.

Lining Up

Please could I remind parents that children should be on the playground at 8.50 in the morning and when the bell is rung children should move to stand in the line. We spend a long time in school developing pupil's independence and for this reason children should be standing in the line with anything that they may need to bring into school. **Parents should not be standing in the lines.**

We also seem to have children who put their book bags in the line to save their space. Please do not do this.

Lockdown

I would like to make parents aware that as a school we have a lockdown procedure. The procedure is used if we need to keep all children in school e.g. if there is a chemical leak in the area or a dangerous dog on the loose. If the school goes into lockdown then pupils will go into their quiet classrooms and all external windows and doors will be shut and locked.

In the next few weeks I will talking through the lockdown procedure with pupils in assembly and we will be having a lockdown practice. This will be done in a very child friendly way however if parents do have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

PTA

It was lovely to see so many parents show an interest in setting up a PTA however, when it came to the first AGM meeting only one parent attended the meeting. It was decided that we would to hold our first AGM in September so that our Year 2 parents would have a whole year to get involved and we could promote it with our new Nursery and Reception cohorts.

Parkgate Day

On Friday 24th May we will be holding our annual Parkgate Day with the Junior school. On this day Parkgate Infants and Nursery and Parkgate Junior Schools get together and celebrate being part of the Parkgate family. This year we will be going to the Junior school. All children will have a packed lunch dinner on this day.

Summer Uniform

Please ensure that children have a water bottle and baseball cap in school each day. These do not need to be 'school' bottles or baseball caps. Children should have sun cream applied before they come to school each morning.

Future Dates for the Diary

Fri 17th May, 9:00am - 9:30am	Rabbit Class Assembly
Mon 20th May	Sponsor Day
Friday 24 th May	Parkgate Day
Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May	Half Term
Fri 7th June, 9:00am - 9:30am	Fox Class Assembly
Fri 14th June, 9:00am - 9:30am	Squirrel Class Assembly
Fri 21st June, 9:00am - 9:30am	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Thu 27th June	Sports Day
Fri 28th June	Inset Day (No school for children)
Fri 5th July, 9:00am - 9:30am	Badger Class Assembly
Thursday 11 th July and teacher)	Class Changeover (Children will visit their new class
Fri 12th July, 9:00am - 9:30am	Mole Class Assembly
Thu 18th July, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 2 Play
Fri 19th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly and Disco
Fri 19th July, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 2 Play
Mon 22nd July	Theme Day
Tue 23rd July	Term Ends School finishes at 1pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day (No school)

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please contact me if you have any queries or concerns. If you wish to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs. Ryan in the school office who will be able to book a mutually convenient time.

Mr Gwyn Pritchard
Headteacher