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Headteacher - Mr Kevin Manning

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Dear Parents/Guardians

OUR REF: PARL 1209

I am writing to update you on a range of things including details about our staffing plans for next year.

Visitor Feedback

Firstly I would like to share some feedback that was given to me yesterday following a visit we had from Mr John Evans. Mr Evans is a highly experienced headteacher and leadership partner who visits many schools each year. After his visit, his report included the following comments:

- The quality of teaching in all classes was very strong. In fact, the strongest and most natural I have seen in some time. Teachers are clearly very capable.
- The appropriateness of displays in classrooms shone out. Indicative of a knowledge and skills-based curriculum helping the children to know more and remember more.
- Behaviour in classes and around school is a strength based on the adults' behaviour management skills of the highest order. The relationships and teaching skills shone through.
- Additional adult support from teaching assistants and trainee teachers was strong. Activities were appropriate and teaching observed from those adults was a strength.

I couldn't be prouder to be part of such a fantastic team and I couldn't be prouder to be the headteacher of such confident, polite and hardworking children. Lots of the children spent time speaking with Mr Evans and he was blown away by their knowledge, their manners and their confidence!

Stay and Learns

It has been lovely to see so many parents attend this term's Stay and Learn sessions. The children love having their adults in with them for the sessions and from the feedback forms I've read, you all enjoy them just as much. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Reports

I am currently busy reading through all 209 school reports which are now being finalised. These will be sent out on Friday 12th July. The reports will also contain end of year assessments including Yr6 SATs, Yr4 Multiplication Tables Check and Yr1 Phonics Screening scores.

Free School Meal Voucher

The council have informed us that each child who is eligible to a benefits related Free School Meal (FSM) will receive £15 per week for the 6 weeks of the summer holiday – so £90 in total. We will





purchase the Tesco vouchers again in the very near future and then inform relevant parents when they are available for collection.

If you think you could be eligible for FSM but haven't yet applied then please visit https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals

Meet Your New Teacher sessions

On Monday 8th July and Tuesday 9th July the children will spend the morning with their new class teachers.

Teaching Staff 2024/25

Year	Teacher	Support Staff
Group		
Nursery	Miss Halligan	 Mrs Greenslade
		 Miss Pendlebury
Reception	Mrs McCarroll	Mrs Jones
Year 1	• Miss Curry – 3 days (Monday – Wednesday)	Miss Price
	 Mrs Duncan – 2 days (Thursday and Friday) 	
Year 2	Miss Roberts (Deputy Head)	Mrs Robinson
		 Miss Wellings
Year 3	Mrs Harland – 3 days (Monday, Thursday and	Mrs Hodgson
	Friday)	
	 Mrs Higginson (SENDCo) 2 days (Tuesday 	
	and Wednesday)	
Year 4	Miss Preugschat	Mrs Wilson
Year 5	Mrs Higginson 1 day (Monday)	Mrs Gibson
	 Mrs McDonnell 4 days (Tuesday-Friday) 	
Year 6	Mr Grierson	Mrs West

- Please note that each class will be taught for at least one afternoon a week by one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) to allow the teacher their statutory Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA). The school's HLTAs are Mrs Deakin, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Hodgson.
- PPA cover means the above support staffing plan accurately reflects the morning staffing arrangements however in the afternoon the arrangements are more fluid in some year groups and so some classes will have different support adults in their classrooms at certain times.
- The classes will be taught by Mr Wynne, our sports coach, for some Monday and Friday morning and afternoon slots during the year.

Final Day

Just a reminder that the children finish the academic year on Tuesday 23rd July at the usual time of 3:15.

Kind regards

Mr Manning



