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Dear Parents,

### Update Letter – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

There has been lots happening in school again and I thought now would be a good time for another update about some of the changes that we are undertaking. It is frustrating for us that we still are not able to invite you in to see all the great things going on because of Covid-19 but we are hoping that we will be able to do that before the end of this academic year.

#### Staff changes

This year there have been a few staff changes which we understand may have felt difficult for you as parents when you are not able to come into school and meet new staff as they come in. Sadly, a few staff members have moved on this year and more recently Mrs. Suffield, our office manager, made the decision to retire from her role. We were very sorry to see her go as she had been a part of the school for many years as a Teaching Assistant and then more recently in the office but we are sure she will be enjoying the relaxation now. If there are any parents that would like to send in leaving cards and/or gifts we would be more than happy to ensure that Mrs. Suffield receives them.

We were also sorry to lose Mrs Bailey from year 1 at Easter. We hoped she would be with us until the end of July but she was offered a role in another school and sadly for us decided to move on.

This year we have made both Mr Iddon and Miss Smith permanent members of our staff teaching team and they have been great additions to our school.

Mr Trainor-Tute has taken over as the new office manager and on a Monday to Thursday he is supported by Mrs Midgley. These are both permanent appointments to school.

Whilst Mrs McCrory is unwell Mr Cunniffe continues to be in school full time as our Acting Head of School and I know many of you have had a chance to chat with him at the start or end of day.

Mrs Andrea Powers has joined us to cover Miss Cookson when she goes on maternity leave and she is enjoying getting to know all of the children in school before she starts her role in reception.

Mrs Sharples has joined us in year one and will be with the class until the end of their time in year one so that they have the same teacher with them for the rest of the year.

At the moment we also have two additional members of support staff working with us in school, Mr Aindow and Mr Henry who are helping to ensure that we maintain high levels of behaviour and learning in our classes.

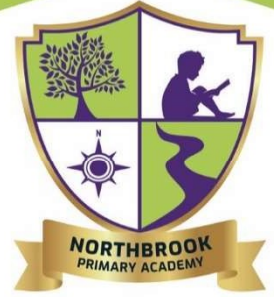


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### **New ICT resources**

We are delighted to now have both Chromebook and laptops in school for the children to use in their lessons. This is a great addition to our existing ICT suite and enables more children to be able to access technology as the same time in school.

### **Further plans for improvement**

We have done extensive refurbishment inside school and it looks amazing inside and we can't wait to show you. We have new signage ordered for the outside of school and that should be appearing soon. We are desperate to change the windows and doors to school as they are in a really poor condition. Currently we have a CIF bid (condition improvement fund) in to replace all of these in school and we are awaiting the response to see if our bid was successful and if it is when the work will commence.

We also have a bid in to improve the outdoor garden area and replace the furniture to create a more usable space.

We will be creating an outdoor space on our field area from where we can run Forest School sessions. These are a great opportunity for our children to be outdoors and to work together co-operatively and this will be commencing in the next few week.

### **Your support please**

As we look at making improvements to the outdoors of school with improved provision for outdoor play and Forest school in particular we are looking for your help and support. Last week we put up a brand new basketball hoop and within 2 days it had been vandalised and our children no longer can play basketball at playtime. We really want to be able to invest in outdoor equipment and are looking at ways we can protect that with improved fencing areas, improved CCTV etc but if you are local to school and see anyone on the grounds we would ask your support in telephoning the police to come down to school and keep our grounds safe.

### **Communication**

We are trying very hard to communicate with parents as much as we can through the newsletter, Facebook, twitter and seesaw but until we are able to invite you into school there will be a frustration about the difficulties of communication. Mr Cunniffe is on the yard at the start and end of every day please feel free to catch up with him if there is anything which you would like to discuss, or make an appointment to come in speak to Mr Cunniffe or myself or send us an email.

Kindest regards,

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