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Dear Parent

Changes to Staff

In all the hectic planning of opening the school up to more children, I have been very remiss in not welcoming Mrs. Wardle back to Springfield after her maternity leave. It's great to have her back in the team.

At the end of the summer term, we will be saying goodbye to both Miss Harrison and Mrs. Marshall. Staff and children alike will miss them both and we wish them well with their future plans.

Also at the end of the summer term, Mrs. Twigger will be retiring. After thirty years at Springfield, she really will be missed by everyone. Mrs. Twigger has been the heart of our nursery for so many years and touched the lives of so many of our children, giving them a fantastic start to their time in school. I am sure that you will join with us in wishing Mrs. Twigger a very happy, long and well-deserved retirement.

In September, Mrs Augusta will be taking on the responsibility for the nursery and is very much looking forward to her new challenge.

Wider Re-opening of School Update

At some point over this last week, we have had 171 of our children in school. This is a fantastic achievement under the current government guidelines.

If you are a key worker, with a child in any of our year groups, we would be grateful if you would give us as much notice as possible if you need a place for your child.

Government guidance was released yesterday regarding the re-opening of school in September. We are delighted to hear that all of our children will be returning on a full time basis. We are currently going through the guidance very carefully in order to make plans for September and we will receive guidance from the Trust shortly. It is likely that we will continue to have a staggered start and end of the school day in some form and that parents will not be allowed into school. As soon as we have a clearer idea of what September will look like, we will be in touch.

Reports

Your child will still receive a school report for this academic year. Due to the pandemic, this will not be as detailed as usual, but will give you a snapshot of how your child was doing as we went into lockdown. Reports this year will be sent electronically, wherever possible. These will be sent out on Monday 13th July. If you need to discuss anything in your child's report, then please contact your child's class teacher through the Class Dojo platform, or phone the school office. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot offer our usual parents' evening.

New Classes

You will be informed of your child's new class on Monday 20th July, by text. In September, we will continue to have our Nursery class and two reception classes. In Key Stage 1 we will have a Year 1 class, a Year 1/2 mixed class and a Year 2 class. In lower Key Stage 2 we will have a Year 3 class, a Year 3/4 mixed class and a Year 4 class. In upper Key Stage 2 we will have a Year 5 class, a Year 5/6 mixed class and a Year 6 class. We spend a lot of time putting the new class lists together and a number of factors are considered. We factor in the numbers of boys and girls in the class, the range of abilities and the confidence and maturity levels of our children. Friendship groups are discussed, but are not an over-riding factor. Each year I have a number of parents contact me because they feel that their child has been put in the wrong class. I would like to reassure you that your child will be in a class in which we feel they can thrive.

Trim Trail

May I politely remind you that children are not allowed to play on the trim trail at the beginning and end of the school day.

Information from the Previous Newsletter

PE Tops

Last year we introduced a new PE top to the academy, initially beginning with our reception children. If you need to buy a new PE top for your child for September, these can be purchased from Greenswear. If your child's current PE top still fits, then they may continue to wear it.

Hand Washing

Whilst in school, the children will be asked to wash their hands on a regular basis. Soap is provided in all classrooms and toilets. There will also be a supply of hand sanitiser in classrooms, to be dispensed by an adult, if needed. **The hand sanitiser is alcohol based. If you would prefer your child not to use this, then please contact the school office.**

Sun Cream/Sun Hats

When the hot weather returns, please remember to send your child with a sun hat. Hopefully they will be spending lots of time outside. You should apply sunscreen before your child leaves for school. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please supply sunscreen, with your child's name clearly marked on it. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen, if necessary.

The full Sun Safety policy can be found in the policies section of our website.

2021-2022 Term Dates

Our 2021-2022 term dates have now been published on our website.

Thank you once again for your support in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett