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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing

I am very pleased to inform you that after a very rigorous recruitment process I have appointed two excellent teachers for September 2021. Ms Katey McKune is an experienced and highly successful Year 6 teacher. Her previous Year 6 classes obtained the highest academic results in Central Bedfordshire and I am very excited she will be joining our KS2 team in September 2021. Ms McKune will also take on a new leadership role developing the curriculum across the school.

I have also appointed Miss Lois Street who will be working in Early Years. Although Miss Street is relatively new to teaching she comes with experience at a senior level at a range of private and maintained nursery schools. I am confident Miss Street will make an excellent addition to our Early Years' team.

At the end of this term we say good bye to Mrs Sofeena Consar who has accepted a role in another school. Mrs Teresa White will be taking on the role of Class Teacher for Green Class. Mrs White will be visiting Green Class children tomorrow to get to know them in advance of the summer term. We thank Mrs Consar for her contribution to our school and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Emily De Rouffignac has accepted a position at a village school close to her home. Mrs Rouffignac will continue to be the teacher for Red Class until the end of the academic year.

Sport and Swimming

As long as the Prime Minister's road map goes to plan Yellow, Red, Emerald and Amber Classes will be swimming for the duration of the summer term. Separate letters will go out at the beginning of the summer term around these arrangements.

I am also pleased to announce that I have further extended the sports provision available to pupils throughout the school. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be having an Olympic themed additional topic called 'race to Tokyo.' This will be delivered by Premier Sports, a new company who I have worked with at some of my previous schools. Premier Sports will also be delivering an Early Years Gymnastics course to pupils in Gold, Platinum and Silver Classes.

In addition, Future Games, our current provider, will be continuing to deliver PE four afternoons per week to pupils in Orange, Green, Purple, Blue, Emerald, Amber and Sapphire classes. This will now be delivered by one of the companies lead coaches, who is a qualified PE teacher with QTS. Furthermore, our current coach will continue to offer some morning football coaching to pupils in Years 5 and 6 in preparation for an exciting mini tournament that is being organised with Tithe Farm School. An updated PE timetable will be sent out in the near future.















Attendance

Your child's attendance at school has an impact on their overall academic success. Understandably at times your child will not be able to attend, and we ask that on those occasions you please inform the school office giving stating the reason.

Catering Provider

As previously mentioned HCL will be our catering provider from 13 April 2021, you should have received correspondence of how to set up an account on SchoolGrid which will enable you to order and pay for your child's meals. If you have not received this please contact the school office.

Easter Eggs

All children will be bringing home an Easter Egg which were kindly donated by Houghton Regis Town Council.

As always we wish you good health and hope you have a great Easter break.

James Edwards

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