



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be an action packed final half term of the academic year. We have many exciting activities and events planned.

Already this week we have had an active Super Star Sports Day, launched the Daily Mile and an exciting visit for years 4 & 5 to the Writtle College Food and Farming Day.



Today marks the official publication of our OFSTED report on their website. We are delighted that so many positive and unique aspects of our school were identified and commented upon.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/114921>

Staffing Changes

I am delighted to tell you that following a robust recruitment process I have appointed Mrs. Lesley Gibbs as a class teacher who will join our team as a newly qualified teacher in September.

The resignation date for teachers has just passed and I need to inform you of some upcoming staffing changes. Mrs. Temblett, who has been off due to illness for some time has resigned and will not be returning to school. Miss McQuibban has also resigned and will be leaving in July.

This leaves us with an unexpected second vacancy. Teacher recruitment is very challenging at the moment; I will endeavour to recruit the right teacher for our school. Before the end of term, I will write to parents again to confirm who will teach which class next year once the vacancy has been filled.

Governor Training

On Tuesday we welcomed our Governors to school for a 'Governor Day'. I briefed them on our curriculum and tracking systems in the morning. They were then able to spend the rest of the day speaking to children and visiting lessons in order to gain a deeper understanding of our context.

Talking to Children about Terrorism

I am sure that you have all been as shocked and saddened by recent events as I have. As a teacher and as a parent I know how difficult it can be to talk to young children about such events. I have collected some useful websites below which may be of use and interest.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/london-attack-explain-terrorism-children-12788595>

Men in School Day

Look out for our Men in School Day (Monday 19th June) invitation letter, which will be coming home early next week.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

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