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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 11

Another busy week has passed us by, and I am amazed at how rapidly these Friday evenings come around once again. As always, the children have been working very hard indeed, engaging with their learning, and making us all super-proud. As a staff, we know how lucky we are to have them, and they make the prospect of teaching every day a joy. We really need this at the moment, given all of the additional challenge that seem to be coming our way. Thank you for sending them in each and every day, and I know that you will enjoy learning a little more about their achievements this week.

Beaumanor Hall

A few weeks ago, I wrote to the parents of children in years 5 and 6 about Beaumanor Hall. At that juncture, we did not feel happy sending our children there, but I am delighted to say that all of the changes we have asked for have now been implemented, and recording procedures have also been overhauled. I am very pleased with these outcomes, and would like to thank the leaders and managers at Beaumanor for being so proactive. Sadly, in this day and age, it is not always the case.

Year 6 visit to the Warning Zone

This week, our children in Year 6 have attended at the Warning Zone to learn more about some of the risks they may encounter as they get older. The day was challenging, but also highly educative, and I enjoyed talking to them about everything they had found out. Keeping children safe is the most important thing we do, and it really helps to enlist the support of other professionals in the field. Dangers are all around us, but knowing about them and what we can do when faced with something similar will make such a difference. As always, the feedback we received from the staff at the Warning Zone confirmed how impressed they were with our children, their knowledge, and also the really sophisticated answers they gave to the range of questions asked. This makes me very happy indeed. My thanks to all of the staff who attended on the day, as well.

Buses – Friday 1st December 2023

Special thanks to you all for your understanding this morning when the buses did not arrive at Mayflower. Sadly, Confidence believed that because Judgemeanow was closed to students in years 7-11, it would also be closed for Mayflower children. This is simply not good enough, and luckily we were able to put a contingency plan in place, and keep the children safe and warm while this was being organised. The only good part is that the children in years 3-6 have been out of the main building on Evington Drive since April 2023. To see the looks of joy on their faces when they came inside was truly wonderful. This again confirms just how important it is for our children to come back together again as soon as possible. I will have further information on this soon, and I know you will be looking forward to this just as much as the children and staff!

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Staffing

I have a couple of staffing announcements that I am eager to share, as follows:

- Miss Hussain, class teacher in Year 3 (SH) will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a post at a Special School. We are very pleased for her and know that her deepening interest in this sphere of education will be fuelled as a result. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has brought to our school, since joining us in 2014. Miss Hussain will be replaced by Miss Harminder Kaur, who will be joining us from a large school in Chingford, East London. She brings with her many prior experiences as a teacher, and was previously the Writing Leader in her school. Harminder is really looking forward to joining us, and she actually met all of the children on Wednesday of this week.
- Mr. Roche, Level 3 Teaching Assistant in Chestnut Class will be joining a school that is very close to where he lives, reducing travel time by about 2-hours per day. Although Mr. Roche has been with us for a short amount of time, he has made a very strong impact, and I wish him well for the future. Mr. Roche will be replaced from the existing pool of talent at Mayflower, and soon, I will be able to provide details of what this will look like.

At Mayflower, we have always been lucky to have such high-quality staff, and I know you will wish to join with me in wishing Miss Hussain and Mr. Roche well for the future. I also know that Miss Kaur will be made to feel very welcome indeed, and I am really excited to have recruited her to our school.

The New School Building

Thank you for all the positive comments about our new building on the Ethel Road Playing Fields. If you think they look good from the outside, just wait until you get inside!! The staff that have visited are really impressed, and my thanks, once again, to the DfE and Reds10 for the work they have carried out on our behalf. We are still looking at the possibility of an Open Day, on **Tuesday 27th February 2023**, where you will be able to come into the new building at a pre-arranged time. We will give you a full tour of the facilities, and also the classrooms in which your children will be based. Look out for further details in the not-too-distant future!!

Attendance

Some very pleasing figures yet again this, week and my thanks for all the great efforts you go to each day to bring the children into school:

Week Beginning Monday 27 th November 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Willow: 93.9%	1KM: 95.4%	4CR: 97.1%	6RK: 96.7%

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Wow Moments in School

			
Conservation – Y1	2-D Shapes – Y1	2-D Shapes – Y1	Geography – Y2
			
Geography – Y2	Ukulele – Y3	Conservation – Y3	Sketching – Y4
			
Sketching – Y4	Science – Y5	Warning Zone – Y6	Warning Zone – Y6

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