



29th April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this finds you all well and that you managed to enjoy some Easter sunshine over the holiday. It has been lovely to have the children back after the break and for them to be spending more time learning and playing outside as the weather improves – the schools are full of life!

I wanted to provide you with a Collaboration update as we move further into the Summer Term regarding some staffing changes and some events / activities that have been planned. Our current risk assessments remain in place and so our plans continue to maintain a cautious approach, however we feel the arrangements we have made will allow us to meet DfE & Trust guidance as some restrictions are relaxed in the coming weeks.

We have some staffing changes to report, some of which I can share with you now. As a Collaboration, we strongly value and support staff development providing opportunities to teach in different year groups and across our two schools.

Ubley School

Fox Class - Mrs Loudon in Fox Class at Ubley will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We do not want the Y5/6 children to have an unknown teacher for their final term and so Mrs Luckett and Mrs Stacey, both teachers who know the children well, will job share across the week to support their end of year. From September, Miss Collins will be returning to Ubley as Fox Class teacher.

Hedgehog Class – Mrs Haskins will be moving to East Harptree as the full time class teacher. Having two Hedgehog classes with job share staff is no longer sustainable, however this has been a fantastic experience and support for Mrs Haskins while she has completed her NQT year. Mrs Beck's job share will be confirmed in later updates.

East Harptree

Squirrel Class - Miss Collins will be moving to Ubley School in September. Mrs Banks will become Squirrel Class teacher.

Fox Class - We are currently advertising for a Fox Class teacher who will cover Mrs Loudon's maternity leave. Due to predicted numbers in September, we expect Fox Class to be a Y1/Y2 class next year.

Currently, all other teachers remain unchanged. Any further staff changes will be confirmed when class structures are finalised, however, this is not possible until we receive new intake numbers for our Reception year groups.

Following staff discussions, the following events will take place in Term 6:

Sports Day:

East Harptree – Tuesday 22nd June

Ubley – Wednesday 23rd June

These will be led by PH Sports and will be run in class groups throughout the day. Parents will be invited to attend relevant sessions and further details will follow from our PE leaders shortly.

Year 5/6 Play Performance:

East Harptree – Monday 12th July

Ubley - Tuesday 13th July

These will be outside performances restricted to Year 5/6 parents only. The play will be filmed and shared with all children. Further details will follow from Y5/6 staff.

Year 6 Children vs Parents Rounders Match:

East Harptree – Tuesday 20th July – afternoon

Ubley – Wednesday 14th July - afternoon

Further details will follow from Y5/6 staff.

End of Year Class assemblies:

All classes will lead an end of year ‘celebration’ assembly in the last few days of term. Class teachers will confirm the time for each class, more details to follow.

East Harptree –

Hedgehog, Fox and Squirrel Classes Monday 19th July

Leavers Assembly Wednesday 21st July – afternoon

Ubley – Hedgehog, Squirrel & Otter Classes Tuesday 20th July

Leavers Service Wednesday 21st July - morning

Class teachers will also be planning additional activities throughout the summer to include class walks, visits and hopefully some picnics in the local and wider local area. Forest School for both schools will resume from next week. All events must be carefully risk assessed but we hope all of the above will be possible as the summer progresses.

With very best wishes

Jane Bailey

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