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December 2024 – Updates for Term 3

Dear Families,

I cannot believe that we are at the end of Term 2! This school year has gone so quickly.

As we move into Term 3, and the new year, I wanted to communicate some important things with you all.

Forest School

I am delighted to say that our Forest School Site is now secure and the fencing has been completed.

Next term, all Forest School sessions will resume in the Forest School Site. Please be aware, though, that due to weather conditions / last minute staffing changes, Forest School will sometimes need to be cancelled at short notice. I appreciate that this can be frustrating, as children will come to expect it, and look forward to it, but this cannot always be helped. Please trust that we will take the children to the Forest School Site as often as it is safe to do so.

For Forest School days, please send your child to school with waterproof, warm clothing, wellington boots and a spare pair of socks. Ideally, your children would leave these in school as they can also be used for OPAL play, and the children will need them to use our new playing field when the grass has grown and it can be opened. It will also be ideal for these to be in school on rainy days for playtime. You may also wish to send your child to school on Forest School days with a spare change of clothing, but we understand that their waterproof clothing and wellies should keep their main clothes dry and free from mud.

Our Forest School Timetable for the Spring Term is below. You will notice that some year groups will attend as a year group each week, whereas others will attend as classes on alternating weeks.

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 INSET	7 Year 1	8 Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 1	9 Year 4: Swallows Year R	10 Year 5: Eagles
13 Year 3: Woodpeckers	14 Year 1	15 Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 2	16 Year 4: Nightingales Year R	17 Year 5: Kestrels
20 Year 3: Robins	21 Year 1	22 Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 3	23 Year 4: Swallows Year R	24 Year 5: Eagles
27 Year 3: Woodpeckers	28 Year 1	29 Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 1	30 Year 4: Nightingales Year R	31 Year 5: Kestrels

February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Year 3: Robins	Year 1	Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 2	Year 4: Swallows Year R	Year 5: Eagles
10	11	12	13	14
Year 3: Woodpeckers	Year 1	Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 3	Year 4: Nightingales Year R	Year 5: Kestrels
17	18	19	20	21
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
24	25	26	27	28
Year 3: Robins	Year 1	Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 1	Year 4: Swallows Year R	Year 5: Eagles

Year 5 and 6 next term:

In order to support with our children's learning both Mr Gambell and Mrs Frost will be supporting in Year 6 and Year 5 respectively next term. Mr Gambell will be teaching in Year 6 in the mornings for Maths and Reading lessons as a third teacher. He will work with a range of different children. Mrs Frost will be teaching in Year 5 on Monday – Thursday mornings for Maths, Reading and Writing lessons. She will work with different children for different subjects. Our aim is for all children to work in smaller groups, so that their learning can be more targeted to their ability.

Staffing updates:

We have had some new additions to our staffing teams, and some staffing changes internally:

- Karen Cheel is now working as an LSA in EYFS each morning from Tuesday – Friday. She will continue to cover classes in Key Stage 1 in the afternoons.
- Jasmine Thurston has begun working as an LSA in Year 1. She has settled in really well and is working mainly in Kingfishers Class.
- Harry Mellor has begun working as an LSA in Year 2. Again, he has settled in really well and is working mainly in Jays class.
- Zey KT and Holly Jackson are now supporting as LSAs in Year 3.
- We have a new LSA joining our school family after the holidays in Year 4 – Rebecca Godfrey.
- We have a new LSA joining us in Year 5, mainly based in Kestrels – Lucy Abela. Faye Bullett will be mainly based in Eagles class.
- We have had a new OPAL Play Assistant join our team. Hayley Mannering has settled in really well and will work with our children on improving their playtimes.
- We have had a new Nurture LSA join our school family. Emma BC will be supporting various children and groups with their nurture needs.

We hope you will join us in welcoming all of our new staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Monday 6th January is an INSET day, so we will see the children back on Tuesday 7th January.

Have a lovely family break.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers

Headteacher

