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NEWSLETTER: Monday 4 September 2023

A very warm welcome back! I hope you have had a good Summer break and enjoyed some family time together, making some special memories!

The children have returned to school looking smart, rested and ready for more learning and fun.

STAFFING UPDATE

Over the Summer break we have said our good byes to Miss Tariq, who qualified as HLTA in July and was therefore ready to move to a higher position in another primary school. We wish her best of luck in her new role.

A warm welcome goes to Miss Durkan, a class teacher who was appointed during the Summer break. Initially, she will teach in Nur and Y3. She is already proving to be a great addition to the staff team!

Mr Prior will continue to work in Nursery, 3 days per week (Wed-Fri). He is a very good Early Years teacher who always ensures the children's learning is full of fun and excitement.

Miss Greenwood is going to work full time, supporting our children with SEND. She is a dedicated staff member with a great knowledge and understanding of how children develop, particularly those with additional needs.

Nur – Mr Prior/Miss Durkan, Miss Brown
Rec – Miss Lloyd, Mrs K Ali, Miss Ahern
Y1 – Miss Peacock, Mrs C Phillips, Miss Diakaki, Miss Greenwood
Y2 – Miss Kerrigan, Mrs N Ali
Y3 – Mrs Shaw, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Sultan
Y4 – Miss Holtby, Mrs Deben
Y5 – Miss Holder, Mrs Fawcett
Y6 – Miss Noon, Mrs P Phillips, Miss Craven

SCHOOL BUILDING WORK

We have been busy at school during the holidays. As you have probably noticed, there have been lots of work completed in the Summer.

INDOORS:

- ✓ The Y2 children have beautiful, brand-new toilets and lockers. The work was carried out to a very high

standard and both children and staff are very pleased with it.

- ✓ Some new cupboards have been fitted, creating a much-needed storage space for teachers. Again, the result looks stylish and smart.
- ✓ The school kitchen work has now been completed and the space has been brought up to 21st century standards, with a brand-new ventilation system, dish-washing facilities and food storage.
- ✓ Many areas, inside and outside, have been painted, so the environment feels lovely and fresh.
- ✓ Two new outdoor structures “Chill Out Zone” and “Art Space” have been installed, in addition to the “Drama Deck”. We are now in process of equipping these with suitable resources for the children.
- ✓ The internal fence has been moved to extend the field and create some much-needed space to accommodate the recently-purchased, amazing, giant water-play, which the children love using.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We are opening several new clubs, next week. They will run 3.30-4.30pm, on the following days, and cost just £2 per session:

MON – skipping – Y1/Y2/Y3
TUE – cricket – Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
TUE – music – Y2/Y3
WED – tennis – Y3/Y4
WED – drama – Y1/Y2/Y3
THU – cricket – Y4/Y5/Y6
FRI – football – Y4/Y5/Y6
FRI – gardening – Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

If you wish to sign up for any of the above, please complete this short, online questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/iEBCZ4rJeFA53hLg6>

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Tue 5 – PHSE Focus Day
Tue 5 – After-school Clubs Assembly (3pm)
Fri 8 – Y4 Collective Worship (2.30pm)

God Bless!

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