



18th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing

After the half term holidays there will be several staffing changes, mainly at the Moor Lane site due to maternity leaves, new appointments and to meet the needs of our children.

Miss Chelsea Sarginson will take up a new post as Teaching Assistant, mainly in Year 6 (Class 13) with some time in Year 3. Mrs Byatt will be moving to Year 3 but will still spend some of her time in Year 6 to support with SATs preparation until the middle of May. Miss Sarginson has worked in our school in the past and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her back.

Miss Davison will be returning from maternity leave at the beginning of April and will be working mainly in Year 3 to take over from Mrs Lyons who will go on maternity leave at the beginning of May. Miss Davison will be spending several days in Year 3 prior to returning fully. During the transition period she will also be working in Year 6 (prior to Mrs Lyons leaving) to support the children with SATs preparation.

Miss Threadkell is also pregnant, and will hopefully return to the infant building early next half term with Miss Kennedy moving back to Year 3.

Mrs Langridge will be working 3 days after the half term and Mrs Saxton will be working in Year 4 in her place.

Peter Howe, who has been a caretaker in our school for over 20 years, will be retiring today. We all wish him the best for a long and happy retirement. As you may know, Mr Wayne Glaister has taken over this role.

I would like to thank you all for your support this half term which has been incredibly challenging for us all following almost 300 days of staff absence with COVID!.

“Thank you”

On behalf of everyone in school can I say a huge thank you to Mr Stephenson and his team at Castle Eden Fencing for mending the fence at the top of the bank at Church Street. This is especially kind, as we are experiencing huge delays from the grounds team at the Local Authority to clear fallen trees and fix the metal fences on both sites following storm damage.

Near Miss

I have been informed that a child from the junior building was almost hit by a car this morning in Moor Lane. I believe the car was driven by a parent dropping off their child next to the gate. I cannot express how dangerous this situation has become!! Please be aware and very careful when driving near both school sites and do not park or stop in front of gates or on the yellow zigzags near school.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day we will be holding a range of activities in school. Children have asked (and I have agreed) that they can come to school in pyjamas / nightclothes for the day so they can literally snuggle up with a book at some point! Teddies are also very welcome. If not pyjamas, children can come in non-uniform if they wish.

On behalf of everyone in school may I wish you a happy half term. We return to school Monday 28th February. The new breakfast club will hopefully start at some point that week once bagels have arrived – we will tell you the exact date when we know. Breakfast club will therefore be as normal (as it is now) on at least the first day back.

Regards

Marie-Louise Binks

Mrs Marie-Louise Binks
Head Teacher