

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all have a lovely summer, during these strange times. It has been great to see all the children back at school. They have all been amazing the past two days and it has been lovely to see them after such a long time.

A big welcome to our new Nursery and Reception parents and new children who have joined us this week.

I would like to welcome two new staff members. Year 3 - Mrs Dale has joined us as a Teaching Assistant. Year 2 - Miss Buckley who is a student teacher and will be teaching the class alongside Miss Cairns this year.

The whole school will be back on Monday for the first time since March. Thank you for your support and following the guidelines. Here's a couple of reminders for everyone:

- A reminder children only need a labelled water bottle and their packed lunch. Children are not allowed to bring crisps, sweets or chocolate into the Academy at any time in line with the healthy eating policy.
- Also from September there are no packed lunches in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 we would like all children to benefit from the Universal free school meal scheme. If you have any questions about this please contact the school office in the first instance.
- Reading books will be given out if you bring them in a book bag and just hand your child the book at the gate it will stop any getting wet when it rains!
- Teachers will use Dojo to correspond and send reminders.
- Letters will be emailed out so please make sure the office have your correct email address.

### **Building work**

Finally after many meetings I can confirm the building work will be starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September! The builders cabins will be based in the Key Stage 1 playground the week commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a temporary toilet block put into the Key Stage 2 playground as we will lose a set of toilets during the first part of the work. Children will always be accompanied to the toilet block when they need it.

The first part will see the end of the school (from Miss Baileys classroom and up to Mr Cromwell's office) being knocked down and a new extension being built. The new extension will be hopefully finished for Christmas and this will be Year 1's new classroom and the new Key Stage 1 toilets. After this the old Year 1 and Nursery classrooms will be knocked into one large Early Years unit and

Reception and Nursery will move into there. From then two classes will be renovated at a time and the corridor will be extended out around the school to make the classrooms bigger.

I will keep you updated at each stage via letter and Class Dojo. There will also be a building page on the website so you can see before, during and after photos. The whole building is due to be completed in 12-18 months.

As the work takes place in any area that part of the school will be completely sectioned off so children are always safe and disruption will be kept to a minimum. We look forward to showing everyone the building once it is complete.



## Important Parentpay Information

### School Dinners:

We are now moving away from Parentpay and if you are paying for school dinners you will receive an email with a username and password for the new system. Please do not add any more money onto your Parentpay account. All balances both negative and in credit will be transferred over.

### Breakfast/Afterschool Club:

If you want to book into breakfast/afterschool club please read the letter attached with this carefully. **And please remember your place is not booked or guaranteed unless it is paid for.**

If you have any questions about the building work please speak to Miss Sweeting or Mr Foster. If you need any further information about the online payment system please email Mrs Hayton at the school admin email address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'asweeting'.

Angela Sweeting  
Principal