



Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2019



Thank you for support through this term, where continuing pressures on staffing have made it challenging to maintain continuity across all classes. I thought it might be helpful to explain the changes and their reasons.

Mrs Sismey is sadly very unwell. She sends her thanks and appreciation for all the kind wishes she has received, passed through to her by the staff. Up until recently, we have been able to maintain the continuity in the class thanks to Mr Finney giving additional time and coming out of Eagles, whilst Mrs Grant, who has a wealth of experience teaching years 1 and 2, has moved across for two sessions a week. This ensures Mr Finney has time for his wider duties. Unfortunately additional staff illness in the last two weeks has meant that we have needed to turn to supply staff temporarily. As soon as we are able, we will return to the previous plan. The postponed parent consultations have been re-arranged for the 27th March.

I am teaching in Owls class alongside Mrs Grant to cover the times she supports Robins class. Owls parents will be aware we have also brought Mrs Stott up from Penguins to support the class. Mrs Reid will be covering Mrs Grant during her upcoming maternity leave. Mr White has taken on Mr Finney's teaching duties in Eagles class to ensure Mrs Melia has the appropriate time to plan. We hope Mrs Melia will be able to return to class shortly. In Penguins class, we are bringing in support to cover Miss Jackson's absence and we have employed Mrs Hemsall to ensure our provision for children with specific needs is maintained.

You may also be aware that Mrs Marshall is currently away. Mrs Hewitt, whom Mrs Marshall has trained to continue aspects of role in case of such an eventuality, and Mrs Connolly, are together covering the secretarial role of the office.

In every class, we have made some amendments to the staff, and have done so to minimize the impact on any one class. Some of these are short term, but some (such as Mrs Sismey's absence) will be longer term. We thank you for your understanding in the meantime.

The next Newsletter will be on Friday 5th April.

Diary Dates:

Class photos
Monday 25th March

Zoo Day
Easter Break
Friday 5th April

Return to School
Tuesday 23rd April

May Day
Monday 6th May

SATs:
Year 6 13th – 16th May
Year 2 20th – 25th May
Year 1 phonics check w/c 10th June

Friends Disco
Thursday 23rd May

Half Term
Monday 27th May
– Friday 31st May.

Staff Training Day
Monday 3rd June

Return to school
Tuesday 4th June

Year 6 prom
Thursday 4th July

Last day of school year
Wednesday 24th July

New school year starts for children on Wednesday
4th September.

