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Newsletter – 1

Welcome back

Throughout the summer our school has undergone extensive redevelopment and I am incredibly excited to share this new chapter of Great Addington with the children tomorrow. A huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard-work; throughout the summer and this week, learning environments have come to life and we are so excited for the children to see it!

Staff update

I am delighted to welcome both Kirsty Beale and Paris Titcombe to the school team. Mrs Beale joins the school as a teaching assistant in Deene and is looking forward to welcoming the new reception children next week. Miss Titcombe, who will be teaching in Lilford on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Kyberd has given me permission to share the wonderful news that she is pregnant, with her baby due in February. Mrs Kyberd plans to continue her role in school until Christmas and I will be able to share information on staffing arrangements in due course.

School renovations

We are putting together 'before-and-after' gallery to show the extent of the work that has taken place over the summer to transform the school into a fresh, clean, bright and exciting learning environment. In short:

- all walls have been decorated and are now a fresh and bright
- new ceilings and lights have been installed throughout the school
- new carpets throughout
- Zones created for different learning purposes
- new classroom resources

We hope that the children respect their new surroundings and take ownership of looking after their school.



RAAC

You will no doubt be aware of the news about RAAC (Reinforced Aerated Autoclave Concrete) in schools which has forced some of them to partially or fully close. There is currently no further action for our school to take at this point on this.

Do-Jo

Reminder invitations to join the class Do-Jo system (and user guide to follow shortly) will be sent out again this week. Please aim to accept and sign up to this as soon as possible. Your class teacher will be using Do-Jo to communicate with you at home. No sign-up, no communication! Thank you in advance!

The school day – a quick reminder

- 8:00am – early access club
- 8:35am – front gate and classroom doors open, 8:45am – gate closed.
- Should you arrive after 8:45am, you will need to wait to be let in and report to the school office as registration will have already taken place.
- We encourage the children to come into school independently, so please say your goodbyes either at the gate or at the external classroom doors (doors from classroom to playground)
- If you need to share a message with the school/the class-teacher we ask that you either email the school office, ring the school office, use the class Do-Jo communication system or write a note in the reading-record.
- If you need to collect your child during the school day for any reason, we will buzz you through the front gate and please report to the office door to sign the children out.
- As I am sure you can appreciate, mornings are always busy as we welcome and settle the children so if you would like to speak to your class teacher, at the end of the day is best.

Absences

If you need to take your child out of school during school hours for any reason, you must complete a 'Exceptional Circumstances Form' available from the school office.

Clubs

The booking forms for early-access club and the mini-bus to Woodford for after-school provision will be going home with children tomorrow.

Confirmed clubs for the term (possibly more to follow):

Tuesdays – afterschool Football club, to start on Tuesday 12th with Mr Marshall, for KS2 (Yr3-6).

PR Sport – Multi-skills KS1 – Thursday, after school

Multisport for KS2 – Friday, after school

Please keep an eye out for further information for how to sign up / pay for the above.

See you tomorrow!

Lucy Kingsnorth, Principal