Tuesday 29th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are quickly approaching the end of the year I have collated a few important updates for your attention.

**Staffing**

At the end of this year we will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Wilkins who will be ending her time with us as a teacher to begin her retirement. Mrs Wilkins will be very sadly missed but we are hoping to see her regularly as she has shown a keen interest in continuing to work with the children but in a less demanding capacity.

We have therefore been very busy behind the scenes recruiting a new teacher for next year. The final interviews took place last Friday and we successfully appointed Miss Macdonald. I am now in a position to inform you of the staffing for next year and for the upcoming Transition Day next Tuesday 6th July.

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| **Year Group** | **Teacher** | **Teaching Assistant** |
| Reception | Mr Andrews | Mrs Watt |
| Year 1 | Mrs Holmes/Mrs Wilsdon | Miss Clarke/Mrs Ansell/Ms Simpkins |
| Year 2 | Mrs Lewis/Mrs Herman | Miss Hawes |
| Year 3 | Mrs Faraday | Mrs Friell |
| Year 4 | Miss Macdonald | Mrs Tait |
| Year 5 | Mr Webb | Miss Hughes |
| Year 6 | Mrs Else | Mrs Hoddinott |

**Transfer Day**

All teachers will have their new classes on Transition Day. Miss Macdonald will be here too to take the Year 4 class.

Children should arrive at school as normal at their current times. Pick up will also be their current times. The children will be directed to their new classroom by staff on the gate.

Year 1 children that will be transitioning to Year 2 will still line up at the gate off the staff car park and will be led to their classroom by Mrs Lewis. These children will also be collected at this gate as usual.

Unfortunately Year 6 children will not be having a Transition Day at EWS this year so they will need to attend school as usual and make their way to the Hall where they will be met by a member of staff.

**New Intake Evening**

New Intake evening will go ahead as planned on the evening of **Wednesday 7th July**. Please look out on ParentMail for more information regarding this meeting.

**Breakfast Club and After School Clubs**

As Pacesetters can no longer provide Breakfast Club we have secured a contract with Freestyle who will be running a morning club for those parents that need to drop their children at school early. Unfortunately Freestyle are unable to provide breakfast therefore children will need to have eaten before arriving at the club.

Freestyle will also be providing an after school sports club for all children to join which will run until 5pm each evening. More information as to how to sign up for the clubs will be sent out shortly. We hope that parents will support the clubs provided to ensure that we have enough numbers to sustain the clubs moving forward.

**Enrichment Activities**

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the enrichment activities that have been on offer this term. The children have really enjoyed getting out and about again whether it be on a class trip or a sporting event.

**Swimming**

Due to COVID lockdowns and restrictions our Year 5 children missed out on swimming lessons this year. Therefore, we have booked swimming lessons for Years 5 and 6 next year so that all children get the opportunity to learn to swim. Swimming lessons have been booked for the September term and will run for 12 weeks. Swimmers will need a suitable swimming kit ready for September. Boys will need swimming trunks (not Bermuda style) and girls will need a swimming costume (no bikinis). Goggles **must not** be worn unless your child has a medical condition that specifies that they must wear them. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarbutts