



Wednesday 20 December 2023

Dear Family, Friends and Students,

What a fantastically busy term Autumn has been! With Parents' Evening, Parents' Forums, MacMillan and Children in Need Coffee mornings, as well as Christmas Craft afternoon, Achievement Assembly and a very successful Christmas Fayre! I want to thank you all for attending and the positive feedback received. All staff loved seeing so many family members in the academy. We have many other events planned in the new year, so we will have a very busy calendar for all to enjoy.

Academy Updates:

Hopefully, you have all followed the progression of the three additional specialised sensory rooms and I know many got to peek at these during the Christmas Fayre. They are still not quite finished and SpaceKraft will be returning in the new year, to finally complete these much-welcomed rooms. During the last week of term, the Primary garden areas have seen builders renovating and updating much needed gates and fences. These will be completed during the final days of this week. They already look so much better, safer and visually create a much larger space.

In the new year, we will start work on separating the Academy library, so we will have a dedicated Primary Library and dedicated Secondary Library and Careers base, regular updates will be posted onto Class Dojo of the re-development of these bases.

Staffing update:

At the end of term, some staff members will be moving on to pastures new and we will be joined by some new members of the team. We say farewell to Mrs Bovis, Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Hebblewhite and welcome to; Mr Adam Reichelt - Mint Class Teacher. We will also be welcoming Mrs Elizabete Sanches and Mrs Saima Kousar to the support team.

Excitingly, we will also be welcoming Ms Rachel Hansford our new Food & Life skills Teacher and Miss Kerry Hunt our new Outdoor and PE Instructor. Please look out for updates on Class Dojo with regards to the redevelopment of the old Forest School area. In the new year we have contractors out to rejuvenate the area ready for Miss Hunt and the students to enjoy!

Miss Heather McClelland (Miss Mac) Teacher of Green Class will also be bidding us farewell, as she excitingly goes travelling, we look forward in seeing her in the future, when she has visited many new places! Mrs Kiera Brueseke-Palmer will therefore be Green Class's Teacher, for the remainder of the academic year.

Mr Josh Reed, as Teal Class already know, recently undertook an operation - we wish him all the best in his recovery. During his absence, Mr Mike English will be Teaching Teal class, alongside Mrs Davina Kehoe. Mrs Kehoe is joining the academy as Interim Leader for Secondary, she has already spent a few days here this term, getting to know the academy and students.

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Finally, we are delighted to formally welcome Mr Nesh as our Premises Officer.

All that is left for me to say is to wish all our students, families and friends a wonderful and restful Christmas break and see you all in the new year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Smith', written in a cursive style.

Miss C Smith
Principal

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