

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

### **Staffing for September**

Today we have emailed you the staffing list for September. We are pleased to let you know that we have been extremely fortunate to appoint two excellent NQT teachers: Zoe Mouzouri (4M) and Nadia Kyriacou (3K).

The school has been looking at how we can support all children when they return to school in September by following a 'catch-up' programme. Janet Moreton will be non-classed based and will support Year 2 children every morning. She will be taking groups of children to complete maths, English and phonics. This will also allow the teachers to have fewer children in each class to ensure we can provide targeted support. In the afternoons, she will take small groups of children who have been identified by teachers as having gaps in their learning. She will teach targeted interventions across the school, bridging gaps and offering appropriate support to move the children's learning on. The Government has announced that schools will get additional funding to tutor children we feel need 'catch-up' support. We will be asking teachers if they can support the school in carrying out tutoring sessions before school, after school or possibly on a Saturday.

As a school we discussed children going back to their old class in September. All staff felt that this would be confusing for the children and could potentially make the transition process harder. Therefore, children will start the new school year with their new teacher. For the first two weeks in September, the current Reception teachers, TAs and LSAs will work in Year 1 each day. This has been possible as Reception staff will not be carrying out home visits.

This term Mrs Douglas-Saul has been working from home as she is expecting her first baby. We look forward to hearing exciting news in September.

### **Goodbye**

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Hannah Minsky, as she has been appointed as the lead SENCo at Wolfson Hillel Primary School. She has been a fantastic SENCo and I know she has supported many children and families. We will all be really sad to see her go but know that this is a great opportunity for her in her career.



### **Congratulations**

Yesterday, we were lucky to appoint Lucy Turner as our new SENCo and Nurture Lead. Lucy is a very experienced teacher and has recently been leading Forest School here at Eversley. She will continue to lead Forest School and support Anna with the running of the sessions for all the children in September. Lucy will lead inclusion across EYFS and KS1 and will work closely with Shirley Gonzalez who is the Inclusion Lead for Eversley Primary School. In the next few weeks she will be working really closely with Hannah Minsky before she leaves.

### **Class Sizes and Year 6 Leavers**

The Government announced that schools could reduce the 2 metre rule to 1 metre from 4<sup>th</sup> July. Class bubbles are still to have no more than 15 children. This has meant that by having the current Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Worker children we only have 3 spare classrooms for 15 children in each. I did look into using church spaces but we are not covered by our insurance.

Myself, the Senior Leadership Team and Governors have decided that it would be lovely to invite the remaining Year 6 children back for the last four days before they leave for secondary school. Three teachers will be self-isolating before they open the last 3 classrooms as 'Year 6 Leavers Bubbles.' Teachers will not be having PPA at home during the last week of term to allow them to do this.

Myself and Mrs Athanasi have been organising some great activities that the children will take part in over the week so that on their last day they leave with great memories and will have had the opportunity to say goodbye to their friends.

### **Transition Picnics**

Today I will be sending information about 'Transition Picnics' that will start next week. Each child will be invited to a picnic with their current class teacher. They will spend an hour playing games, asking any questions they may have, spending time with their class and having a picnic. For the last half an hour they will spend time with their new class teacher. The groups will be organised by alphabetical order of surname and the children will come in groups of 15. They will enter and exit from the staff car park. On entering school, they will wash their hands in the portable sinks. The children will sit 2 metres apart unless their picnic is after 4<sup>th</sup> July, when they can sit 1 metre apart. You will all be sent further information about this later today. If your child is currently in school, they will also have a picnic; their class teacher will let you know the date that this will take place.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. It has been, and still is, an incredibly difficult time for everyone. We truly want to get all children back to school but with the restrictions that are in place this has not been possible and I am sorry.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams  
Headteacher

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### Reception Forest School Update

This week all the Reception class bubbles continued their Supertato learning outside in Forest School. Firstly, we played hide and seek just like the veggies in the story. Carrot found a treasure map so the children followed the trail to find the treasure. It was quite a shock to find broccoli hiding in the chest. In our next session, the children helped the veggies fight the evil pea. They created a magic purple potion with beetroot and helped carrot grow her hair back. Some children also helped water the veggies by making a stream all the way down the field, using guttering and buckets. It was a great adventure!

(Lucy Turner)

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Our value for the month of June is **Generosity**

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