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We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school. I hope you have all had a lovely break and had some time to relax.

Year group newsletters will go out at the beginning of next week. In there you will find out about topics, PE days and homework expectations.

<u>Staffing</u>

We welcome some new members of staff to our team.

Mrs Laura Dodd will be sharing Beech class with Mrs Farnsworth. Mrs Dodd worked with us last year when she was training to be a teacher so we are really excited to have her join us now she is qualified.

Mrs Laura Kane has joined us as a Cover Supervisor. She will be working in most classes to provide teaching cover when the teacher has their planning time.

Mrs Michaela Walters joins us as a Care Assistant in Early Years.

Mrs Claire Wright replaces Mrs Cox in the office, working 3 days a week.

Exciting News

The Farnsworth family will be growing – Mrs Farnsworth is expecting her baby in February. Plans have been made to cover Mrs Farnsworth when she begins her maternity leave. More details to follow.

Building Works

You may have seen that we have had a considerable amount of work done to the school over the summer. We have new windows and cladding fitted which not only improves the look of the building but will also be more environmentally friendly. Inside school is being decorated throughout and we have lovely new furniture in our Year 1 classrooms. New blinds have been ordered and should be with us soon. Outside is also being updated. Walls have been painted and windows will follow. We are replacing the felt with turf and making a more natural play area and plan to move all the trim trail



and active equipment onto the side field to make more use of this space. Forest School has been cleared ready for Mrs Gore to start her lessons again.

Lunches

We have made some changes to lunch times. To provide continuity and support for our children, Midday Supervisors will be allocated specific year groups. They will be supported by named support staff too. Rather than parents having to order lunch choices online we will be asking the children to make their choice during registration (taking dietary requirements into account). We are limiting the choice for our Reception children so as not to confuse them but staff will initially be checking with parents! All children are supported during lunch and having named staff will enable us to meet their individual needs better. Because we have a number of children with specific allergies we ask parents not to send in packed lunches. We do have school packed lunches available if necessary. This is the best way to keep everyone safe. Please talk to your teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Classes	Willow & Maple	Beech & Cedar	Sycamore & Oak
Midday Supervisor	Mrs Jesus & Ms Mellor	Mrs Dixon & Miss Boultby McGuiness	Ms Smith
Support Staff	Miss Ellis & Mrs Moncaster		Mrs Axten & Mrs Walters

We also run a number of lunch clubs:

Forest School with Mrs Gore (Wednesday)
Nurture club with Mrs Jennings (daily)
Friendship club with Mrs Tilley (Wednesday and Thursday)
Sports club with Mr Bourne (Tuesday)

Bookbags

To make space in the classroom we have had to limit the number of coat pegs we have. Pupils will share a peg which means we do not have space for bulky bags. Classes have trays to keep their book bags in and boxes for PE bags. If you need to purchase a book bag we have them available in the office for £3.25.

Additional Funding

Have you checked if your child is entitled to additional funding? This money comes into school and makes a big difference to what we can offer. Click on the link below to see if you are eligible. It should only take a few minutes. If

you are successful then we will give you ten free sessions at Robert Miles Club and a free book bag!

https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

We offer wrap around provision from 7.30am in the morning until 6.00pm in the evening. If you would like your child to attend then please register for a place by emailing office@rmischool.co.uk.

We work closely with parents and carers. If you want to speak to your child's teacher then after school is the best time to catch them for a quick informal chat. Alternatively, please book an appointment through the office.

We are really looking forward to opening those gates and welcoming familiar and new faces to our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sonja Adams Headteacher