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Summer Term Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing

Mr Ellis was a student at Westfield and apparently he was super studious. In 1995 he became part of the teaching team. It is with great sadness, that he is unable to return to his role as our Sports Coach and we would like to thank him, and Total Sports, for the provision they have given to our children for many years. In his own words, 'I will treasure and hold dear in my bank of happy memories, my time at Westfield'. He knows he is always welcome back to school and he has promised us to pop in to see us from time to time. Mrs Kate Taylor will be joining our team in September to lead our PE provision with the support of Miss Bentley.



After 8 years at Westfield, Mrs Thomas has accepted a post as a specialist teacher at a local school. The position excited her a couple of years ago, and she has made the decision to return to the classroom. In her own words, 'It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to work with our children and families, and I wish them all the very best'. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her commitment to our children, parents and staff and we hope she will enjoy her new adventure.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



Covid

With the Government announcing the 4 week delay of the reopening plans, we have taken advice from Public Health York regarding how we continue with our calendar of events. Sports week went well, but it wasn't the same without you. Year 5 Sports Day has had to be postponed and will take place on Friday 2nd July in the afternoon. We have worked hard to maintain the integrity of our bubbles throughout school, and appreciate the continued support from you all as you continue to follow Covid guidance and self-isolation rules. Our current Year 6 are now operating as a single bubble of 54 children to enable them to participate in their end of term events. With regard to the school performance this year, we will have to keep a close eye on national and local rates so please understand if any of our plans need to change.

Transition

After a challenging year for everyone, we have given a great deal of thought to planning transitions. Our Year 6 children are unable to visit their secondary settings, so our Year 6 teachers have already met their Year 7 teachers remotely to hand over key information. We will still have our usual transition day in school where the children will have an opportunity to spend time with their new teachers and our current reception will be split into their 3 classes for Year 1 with effect from next week. This will allow the Early Years team to assess the class dynamic and gather feedback from parents for next year. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome any new starters to school for transition visits and can only work with children who currently attend our nursery setting.

Staff will send out letters to their new children w/c 5th July.

We hope you have all enjoyed the lovely sunshine recently and I am sure many of you are watching the Euro 2020 in 2021! Mr Hattam has been very giddy about the competition. Listen out for him on BBC Radio York on Wednesday morning, pretending to know about football.

To make you smile, here are a few of our children getting giddy about sports day:



Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Lamara Taylor