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SPRING TERM UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

KS1/KS2 End of Key Stage Tests Information Evening

In May, pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their end of Key Stage Tests. Mrs McManus and Miss Rogan will hold an information evening for parents on **Monday 23rd January at 5pm**. There will be a presentation that will last approximately 30 minutes, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and look at test materials. If you have any questions prior to the event, please see Mrs McManus and Miss Rogan. Unfortunately pupils will not be able to attend this event however, on this occasion we will be able to supervise **up to 12 pupils** of parents / carers who have problems with child care. These places must be reserved prior to the meeting. If you would like your child to be supervised during the event, please contact the office. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Spring term consultations will take place on **Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February**. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to speak to their child's class teacher and look at work in books. We request that Year 6 pupils attend the consultation alongside their parents/carers. As usual, consultation timetables will appear on the windows by the Children's Entrance one week before the consultations on Monday 6th February. Again, we are able to supervise any pupils of any parents/carers who have problems with child care. If you would like your child to be supervised, please contact the office. Thank you.

Maths Mastery

Following on from the success of the work of Mrs Vardy (MFL) and Mrs Lynch (Science) I have now secured a Maths secondary specialist teacher to work with some of our Year 6 pupils up until Easter in preparation for the end of key stage tests. The sessions will be for pupils who are **currently showing evidence that they have the potential to achieve the 'greater depth' standard**. Mr Johnson will begin work next week for a period of 12 weeks. Sessions will take place from 11am-1pm with a break for pupils to have their lunch and will focus on more challenging elements of Mathematics such as complex problem solving and algebra.

SEND

As you are aware, Mrs Hart has been supporting SEND across the school. Mrs Hart has had a positive impact and her support has been very useful in ensuring that pupils' needs are met. Unfortunately, the charity that Mrs Hart works for have significantly increased the cost of Mrs Hart's support and as a result, we are not in a position to continue to meet the increased cost on a regular basis and have had to reduce the amount of support that we receive. Mrs





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Hart's support will continue in a reduced capacity but we will be strengthening our Local Authority links to continue with the great progress that we have made with SEND over the past two years. If parents have any questions regarding SEND, please continue to follow the school's procedures and speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. I will remain as the school SENCO and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Associate Assistant Head Teacher

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs McManus will take up the post of Associate Assistant Head Teacher for the period of one year to gain experience of senior leadership and further develop the school's leadership structure and impact. As a small school we do not have the necessary capacity within our budget for sustained senior leadership and we are extremely grateful that Mrs McManus is willing to step up to this voluntary role.

As ever, if you would like to speak to me regarding any matter, I am available each morning or you can make an appointment at the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Robson

