

22nd October 2010

Dear Parents,

I am writing as we end the first part of the Autumn term.

We are currently in the middle of an Inspection which continues on 15th, 16th and 17th November. My thanks go to all the staff who are working very hard and to parents who have supported the school through parental questionnaires and actually coming and speaking to the Inspectors. Our pupils have been super and as always great ambassadors for the school.

School closes today 22nd October and we return on Monday 1st November.

Autumn Disco on 4th November 6-30 until 8-00pm, this is our Autumn Lights Disco an alternative to Halloween.

As some of you have been aware Miss Oakes has not been in school since the beginning of October. Unfortunately Miss Oakes has not been well, Mrs Parrish has covered Miss Oakes' classes and for this we are most grateful, particularly during an Inspection.

It is always difficult to keep you informed when people are ill; however, I can now inform you that Miss Oakes will not be returning to school after Christmas. I will soon be advertising for a permanent member of staff to fill Miss Oakes position.

In the meantime we continue to keep Miss Oakes in our prayers.

A Maths specialist supply teacher will be covering Prep 3 and Prep 4 Maths and will be Prep 3 JO Form Teacher for the time that Miss Oakes is ill.

The supply teacher will be Miss Joanne Kimberley she will be following the curriculum plans we have in place for Mathematics.

I hope that this clarifies the situation to date, I will keep you informed. Should you have any concerns please contact me.

May I also remind you that your child's snack for mid-morning break time should be in conjunction with our Healthy Eating Policy. The Staff and I have noticed that a lot of children have been eating chocolate at break time in particular 'Club Biscuits'. If I may reiterate that it should be fruit or a healthy muesli bar or something of a similar nature.

We have also been advised by Stoke-on-Trent City Council that minor road works will be starting next week at the bottom of Rookery Lane and Keeling's Drive. The initial stage of road works will last up until mid-November. They will then resume the second part of their works in January, which will continue up until March / April. Please try and allow extra time for your journey's when we return to school on 1st November so that the children arrive on time. Thank you.

Please keep Mr Ferris and his family in your prayers as his Grandfather died earlier this week.

Yours sincerely,

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