

16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents

As we enter the last week of the first half of the Spring Term, I am once again reflecting on how extremely thankful I am for the support of our parents and school family.

This half term we have navigated both a Covid outbreak and the disappointing news over the progress of our new school building. Throughout it all the messages of support and the continued focus on what is best for our children and families have been heart-warming to see and hear.

After the news that Midas, the company responsible for the building work on our new school building, had filed for administration we have had this update from the Department for Education. The DfE are leading and are responsible for this free school building project:

*We are aware that Midas Construction Limited (Midas), a building contractor working on your project has gone into administration. Prior to its administration, we worked with the Midas team to ensure that your sites remained secure and safe – we will continue to do this.*

*We remain focussed on your project and are taking all available steps to minimise any further delay in its completion. We will keep you informed as we progress through the re-procurement stages and will continue to discuss programme timescales with you as we know more.*

The good news is that the DfE can now take over the site and the maintenance of it and ensure that the enormous amount of work that has already been put into the building work is preserved until work recommences.

The DfE, Torbay Council and our academy Trust are continuing to work closely on securing accommodation for September and we will of course let you know as soon as we have any updates on this. We will remain on our current temporary site for at least the remainder of the academic year, and we will work to ensure whatever solution we come to is with the best interests of our academy community in mind.

Meanwhile, we have had a super half term of learning that has seen an amazing amount of progress from all our children in their Read Write Inc groups and we once again thank you for your support with this at home.

As you know we value and nurture a love of reading and stories alongside learning to read and we would like you to join us to celebrate this when we return after half term.



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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day and we would like to invite families to come into school to read a book with their child and see some of the wonderful learning opportunities. We will provide refreshments and it will be wonderful for your children to share their school experience and their 'Favourite 5' books with you.

**To ensure we have enough space to accommodate all our families that are able to come into school please indicate on the form provided your availability and we will do our best to accommodate everyone.**

As ever if you have any questions, concerns or would just like to talk anything through please do call the school and myself, Miss Grant and Mrs Burton are always happy to speak with you. Seeing the children so happy in school and continuing to flourish through our school values of Love, Hope, Wisdom and Community has been wonderful and we are truly living out our school vision; ***'The future we create everyday'***.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Julie Edwards  
Head of St Michael's C of E Academy