25th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring term and the Easter holidays I’m sure we are all hopeful for some long-awaited sunshine! It was wonderful to see so many families at our parent meetings this half term. The children as always have been making great progress and I know all the teachers appreciated the time to share your children’s successes and continue to work in partnership with you.

We have continued to meet with the DFE for updates on the school building works and have seen a lot of movement recently as building firm ISG press forward with the project. The anticipated completion is September 2025 and although disappointing that we will not be moving in during the next academic year we are excited about the new accommodation and development of the school to accommodate 2 new classes in September.

In September we will have additional accommodation in place of the current builder’s portacabins. The new accommodation will house a hall downstairs, that is bigger than our current hall, and a Year 3 classroom and additional rooms upstairs. We are excited that we will have a Key Stage 2 class and will be recruiting a new teacher for our new Year 3’s!

Our current accommodation will be having a re-vamp with the existing hall being transformed into our Nursery Class and excitingly we will be able to take 2-year-olds with the additional space. The current Early Years Class will be our Reception classroom. There will be additional toilets for the increase in children. Upstairs the Year 2 classroom will be increased in size and an intervention room added for small group work.

The DFE are investing in our accommodation to ensure our children have the very best we can provide despite the building delays. We are incredibly proud of our school and what we have achieved in our first 3 years, the children are thriving, and we are always grateful for the support we have from our families and school community.

We would love more children to come and join our school family, especially in our new nursery so please do spread the word that we will be taking 2-year-olds from September. The fact that 100% of parents who completed our parent survey would recommend the school is a testament to what we have created together and again a huge thanks for your support.

Thank you to our PTA for all their events this term, they work so hard and come up with so many fun and imaginative ideas for the children to enjoy. Thank you to all our families for their support at these events.

Just a couple of housekeeping notices. We would be very grateful if you could empty the children’s bookbags at the end of the week to ensure any paperwork is seen. Also, the children do not need to bring a snack into school unless there is a specific dietary reason we have been made aware of, we provide fruit for them to enjoy at breaktimes. Please can all families ensure that you regularly check the MCAS app for important messages and notices, this is our main source of information sharing with you all.

We look forward to seeing you all at **Paignton Parish Church on Wednesday at 2.00 pm** for our Easter service, to celebrate this special time of year in the Christian calendar. Our last day in school will be on Thursday, and our wonderful PTA are planning a super end of term treat.

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Julie Edwards

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy