

Moving and a growing!

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It has been an incredibly busy term and I am sorry that I have not been as visible as I usually am. Rest assured, my team and I have been busy making last selection of staff for next year. You will have seen that a number of staff are leaving us for new challenges and a number of parents have expressed their sadness at this. We will miss them but wish them well in the future. The education of our children is paramount and we are pleased that we have been able to recruit experienced and passionate teachers to replace our outgoing team members. We know that turnover of staff raises concerns but as I explained in an email to parents this week, this movement of staff is not inconsistent with the experience of other schools. It is perhaps a sign of our success that we grow teachers who are ready to fly. Our job, together, is to create the positive and supportive environment in which teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders are trusted to do their work.

James Biddulph
and the UCPS Governing Body

Eddington will be 'going live' on Monday. Residents will be beginning to move in. This means that the road is now public, the highway code must be adhered to and children must learn that it is no longer purely for our school. Please be careful and talk to your children about the fact that the area is soon to be a real place to live and work!

What a lovely coffee morning today. Thanks for coming. Thanks to the FOCUS team. Please see if you can pop into another.

We are delighted to know that the community centre will be opening soon. I am working closely with the new centre manager in projects that will benefit the children and our growing community.

More to follow as details are confirmed. It will also be possible for us to hire the space for our school performance and look to do this in Autumn term. We had planned to put together a performance this term but regrettably this has not been possible. I have spoken with the children who indicated that they would like to be involved and they are excited about being one of the first groups to perform at the new venue – our neighbours! It will also give us time to embed confidence in the children to stand on stage and perform.

The cast and I look forward to welcoming you in the Autumn term. We will be running a musicals/drama club from September in preparation.

Please remember to wear a hat to school. We love this weather but need to keep children safe. No hat no play.



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In Year 2, 3 and 4 next year the children will be having weekly Dialogue and Oracy lessons as part of their Literacy learning. This will involve a drama specialist. We are hopeful of dramatic results (excuse the pun!). Some children who progress significantly will be invited to prepare for the examined programme – parents will decide if they want to pay for the examination and certification.

Moving classes

The children are expressing their excitement about moving up to their next classes, which suggests that our transition planning is working well. A number of Reception parents are requesting their child to move to another class for various reasons. We cannot accommodate these requests. We have gone through a robust process of redistributing the classes, in the following way. We asked the children who they like to play with and who they learn well with. We then take into consideration SEND, Gender, children with need, summer born (so that there is a good balance), and particular dynamics within current classes, including personalities. These transitions in school will help children build the skills and resilience to manage change throughout their life. We see that this change is an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together to support children.



It is Ms Lang here, going to teaching in Reception and am inspired to get ideas for outdoor learning...watch out there will be playful learning out come rain and shine!



I am Mrs Dowson from the USA and have travelled extensively teaching in many places. I LOVE teaching art and getting children to think about what they see...



Mrs Sharma here! Joining Year 2 and already thinking about the topic for Autumn...Adventures and someone called Christopher Columbus...need children to help me find out more!



I am Mr Smith, one of the Assistant Headteachers. Cannot wait to join the school. Love all things creative and passionate about research and habits of mind work.



Hi I am Ms Watson and will be Reception teacher. Also I am a trustee of the Chartered College of Teachers. Love playful learning and cant wait to learn with our super learners!

Hello, I am Mrs Bullen-Smith, Year 4 teacher and leader of science. Also love walking and getting out and about...Year 4s, I am planning ideas already for a super active year!



The growing team...new additions