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Thursday 6th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Update



As a school we wanted to take this opportunity to update you regarding some of the up and coming changes that we will be making to the staffing in our classes.

Hydra Class

Some of you may already be aware that Mrs. Percival is due to commence her maternity leave in a few weeks. Mrs. Preston will be taking over from Mrs. Percival and will be sharing the teaching with Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Preston is very familiar with the learners in Hydra class and has been working alongside Mrs. Percival and Mrs. Miller over the last few weeks to ensure that the routines and timetable that is in place will continue for consistency for our learners.

These new arrangements will commence on Monday 10th March next week.

Draco Class

You may be aware that this week Draco class has been covered by Mrs. Oakes, in the absence of Mrs. Johnson-Allen. We are sad to share that Mrs. Johnson-Allen's husband is extremely poorly and therefore Mrs. Johnson-Allen will not be school for the next few weeks. I am sure you will join us in sending Mrs. Johnson-Allen your thoughts and support during this difficult time for the family.

Whilst Mrs. Johnson-Allen is absent the class will be taught by Mrs. Percival and Mrs. Oakes. Both of these staff members know the learners well and are well supported by the Support staff that already work hard in Draco class as part of the teaching and learning team. Mrs. Johnson-Allen is in close contact with the staff and we will keep you updated whilst we await Mrs. Johnson-Allen's return.

These new arrangements will commence on Monday 10th March next week.

Star Week & Assessments and Parents Consultations



This week along with the next couple of weeks, staff will be busy working alongside your child to assess their current knowledge, skills and understanding against the different areas of the curriculum.

Information gained through these assessments will support your child's on-going assessment for learning and will inform their personalised learning plan and next steps.

We will be holding 'Parent Consultations' on the 26th March 2025 where you will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teachers to discuss their learning to date and their next steps for development. More details about how to book an appointment will be shared in further communication.



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If you have any questions or queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. Your continued support and partnership working with school is much appreciated by all the team.

Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

SPRING TERM 2nd Half 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Inspire Dance Show -Biddulph High School	Inspire Dance leaners
Tuesday 25 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00-8:00pm	Governors
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations 1.00pm - 3.00pm & 3.30pm-6.00pm	All Classes
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Zoolab - Educational Workshop in school	All Classes
Monday 7 th April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 th April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team