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Head Teacher's Summer Term update letter.

Dear parents / carers,

There's so many wonderful things happening in school at the moment, I thought it would be useful to update you.

EYFS

We are investing in our early years (reception) classroom and outdoor space. We have purchased brand new toys and furniture to enhance the provision that we offer. This includes balance bikes and go karts to help with children's gross motor skills development.

Building improvements

As you know, the roof is being repaired and will be completed in mid September. In conjunction, we are improving the aesthetics of the school and will be enlisting the help of an artist to paint the office reception area. This will be done the week of 22 August and our artist (who has illustrated Victoria Hislop's books) has agreed that if children want to, they can come and help! Look out for posts about this on Facebook. We will also be painting parts of the outside area.

Umbrella project

Staff have now been trained in Neurodiversity and strategies to use in the classroom. We are also introducing a nurture room: a calming and homely space which Miss McInnes will use with children who need brain breaks and space to unwind.

SEND

We have prioritised SEND and I can now confirm that we have a SEND and Inclusion team. Miss McInnes will have designated time for Learning Mentor role, Mrs Price will look at IEPs and meet with parents to do reviews and I will be overall SENDCo with responsibility for EHC applications and TAF meetings. In conjunction, we have just bought into "Provision Map" a SEND online tool that tracks the progress of children on our SEND register. This also allows for parent communication between home and school. Further details will be sent out in due course.

Race and diversity.

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Race equality mark from Lancashire County Council. We have worked hard and reflected on our race

and diversity provision and made changes to our curriculum to ensure that race and diversity is prevalent in our curriculum. As well as this, I have asked for us to be part of the "School Linking" program which links schools together from different parts of the county. I have been told that we will meet the criteria for this.

Staffing

Mr Clarke is still unwell and therefore, I will continue to act as Head Teacher until his return. As you may know, Miss Hill left us earlier this year and we have now recruited a replacement. Please see the staffing structure for September.

Class	Teacher	TA
Acorns (Reception / Y1)	Mrs McLaughlin	Miss McInnes
Elm (Y1 / Y2)	Mrs Price	
Maple (Y3 /Y4)	Miss Gregory (contract extended until 31 st December whilst I am acting as head)	Mrs Forrest
Oak (Y5 / Y6)	Mrs Horton (Acting Deputy Head)	Miss Emslie

Office

We have recently written to you about the Parent Pay app which will hopefully make ordering dinners, paying for trips, consenting to trips etc a lot easier. This means that dinners need to be ordered a week in advance and we **cannot** order a meal on the same day. Mrs Thornton is our School Bursar and her role is to organise the smooth running of the finances, health and safety and all compliance documentation. Could we please be kind to Mrs Thornton and call school only if the information you require cannot be found on our website, Seesaw or Facebook. If you are calling to let us know that your child is being collected by someone else, this will need to be emailed to us to ensure that we have a record of this for Safeguarding reasons. Please also email to report absences with a valid reason.

Thank you all for a great year and all of your support, please enjoy your summer holidays and family time together.

Mrs. Currie & the West End Team.