

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great fortnight at school, and are enjoying the gradual return to the heady days of 2019, rather than 2020! Amongst the joys of ducklings and cycling however, we do have some news which will come as rather a surprise – please read on!



Ms Pearce

After twenty years at Codicote School, being perfectly perfect in every way, Ms Pearce has decided that it is time to hang up her PC and retire, so that she can go off on adventures with her husband – in term time! I think we would all agree that she has been a wonderful asset to our school, with a rare combination of tremendous efficiency with exceptional kindness. She is an absolute delight to work with, and we all value the help and support she extends to everyone. I have tried all sorts of ways to persuade her to stay, but short of super-gluing her to the office chair (which may not be legal?), I have run out of ideas!

We are now, therefore, in the position of finding a new lovely Office Manager - the advert has been published on Teach in Herts today. If you are aware of someone with the skills and attributes needed, please point them in the direction of the website: <https://www.teachinherts.com/>



Cleaning

We were really proud to share the news that following a routine audit, our cleaners – Rae and Pauline were graded as exceptional! They have been really committed to making the school a clean safe place for everyone, working with Mr Blackwell, and it is lovely to see their hard work recognised!



Arrivals and departures

We have been keeping the arrival and departure times under review, and we will be keeping the extended drop off time in the morning, but reducing it by 15 minutes. Children can be dropped off between 8.45 and 9.00a.m. - 8.45a.m. is still the earliest time children can arrive, unless they are attending before school teaching sessions. Parents and carers who come under the vulnerable category are still welcome to come later and drop their children between 9 and 9.15a.m. Collection time will continue to be between 3.00 and 3.15p.m. If there are any issues regarding this, which you need help with, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sport

As well as our great success with Basketball, Meghan in Year 4 has also won a virtual fitness award – it is the award which is virtual, not her fitness! We are really grateful to Mel for her hard work in organising the virtual school games. We will all be staying active on her watch!



More ducklings!

Miss Grainger and I were particularly happy to welcome Mrs Abrahams to school this morning, as she has brought with her six rescued ducklings! We are now thinking of ways to give them a forever home! We will keep you updated.



Gold Headteacher Awards

This week, following on from our assemblies on 'Actions speak louder than words', the children have been able to nominate each other for Gold Headteacher Awards. Their applications have been a joy to read – very thoughtful and endearing. However, the reasons on the cards may be slightly different from usual, as they are the children's own words. Please be even prouder than usual if your child brings one home!



Projects

I am pleased to inform you that we will be undertaking some school improvements over the coming months. These include:

- Upgrading the fencing by the Office and Reception class.
- Re-building the steps by Year 3 and Year 5, creating a level pathway from the decking to the double doors, and providing a seating area in the back playground.
- Replacing the canopy outside Years 2 and 3.

It is anticipated that these projects will take place outside school time, so should not cause any inconvenience.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER