

Recreation Road Infant School

Newsletter 8

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Welcome back to our final half term...

We have a busy few weeks ahead: report-writing, planning for the arrival of our new reception children from more than 20 different nursery settings, and working with a range of other schools to provide a good transition for our Year 2 leavers. We're also welcoming new staff, joining us now or in September, and preparing to say goodbye to those staff who are leaving us.

To mark our Year 2s moving on, we will be holding Leavers' Assemblies and also inviting families to join Year 2 Teachers for a picnic on the field, Wednesday 20th July after school. There will also be the usual Year 2 class leavers' parties. More information will be shared by your Year 2 teaching team.

We would like to welcome Mrs Marsha Hopley, who has started with us as a Classroom Assistant in Magpies. Also, welcome to Mr James Farrer, a Speech and Language Therapy student who is on placement in Jays. Our UEA teacher training students, Amber Dowd and Ella Potter, have also returned to complete their final teaching placements in Chaffinches and Robins. Good luck and welcome back to them!

Gardening News

So far this year our award-winning gardeners at school have grown seeds that have travelled in space, as well as maintaining the school allotment and other garden areas.

We desperately need more compost to be able to grow even more amazing things...so we are asking for donations of compost, please. See Miss Torres, Mrs. Martin, or any of our gardening volunteers. If you can't find them, then the lovely office ladies will tell you where to put it. Thank you very much!!



Digital Leaders 2016

Many thanks to all of our Digital Leaders for their efforts this year. You have been really busy and have set up some brilliant facilities eg **Recreation Road Radio** – go to www.recreationroad.com and click on the **Rec Road Radio** picture to listen live or listen to previous broadcasts.



We will soon be recruiting new Digital Leaders for 2016-17. Our focus for the Digital Leadership scheme is to provide opportunities for children to gain technical skills and also to share and communicate these skills to others. The application and interview process is rigorous and we select Leaders for a variety of reasons - some children will already have well-developed ICT skills; some will show early leadership attributes; others will have the potential to flourish in this type of environment.

Our Digital Leader focus for 2016/17 will be COLLABORATION – particularly with Avenue Junior School, but also with other schools in our local Cluster and beyond. Some digital collaborative work with Avenue Junior has already started and we really wish to extend this and build on the success of the radio broadcasts to link schools together.

Macmillan Charity Work

Can you believe that we raised over £7,000?! What an incredible sum, and many thanks to you all. Our PTA have organised one final event: 'Dress Up and Dance' on the morning of Friday 17th June. Encourage the children and staff to come dressed up, and your class will get a dance session over at the Sports Hall. There will be a bucket collection for Macmillan on the day itself.



Transition

Please find below the list of where each current EYFS and Year 1 class will be going in September, and who the staff teaching team will be. For this coming year, we have decided not to mix the classes.

Current EYFS classes

Current EYFS classroom	New Year 1 classroom	New teacher(s)	Teaching Support Staff
Blackbirds	Chaffinches	Lisa McNaughton	Marsha Hopley and Caroline Ablewhite
Jays	Crows	Sheree Brock (Year 1 Lead) and Su Walters	Jo Pointer, Elaine Osborne and Sally Turner and Frances Gregory
Swallows	Wrens	Gill Hulme and Sarah Youatt	Jannette Carter and Emma Chester
Doves	Robins	Lorraine Syrett and Penny Grisewood	Louise Stone, Ryz Hajdul and Tina Browne

Current Year 1 classes

Current Y1 classroom	New Year 2 classroom	New teacher(s)	Teaching Support Staff
Crows	Swifts	Lauren Ellero	Tony Yallop
Chaffinches	Swans	Jenny Lewis and Lorraine Syrett	Beth Morgan and Cat Cator
Robins	Magpies	Ashleigh Cunningham	Lauren Stolworthy
Wrens	Owls	Luke Wheeler (Year 2 Lead) and Jane Strickland	Sue Britton

Our Year 2 Leavers' new schools will contact parents and carers directly about their transition arrangements.

In-school Transition

We have a finalising our plans to ensure a successful transition between classes. Full information about this will follow in the coming weeks.