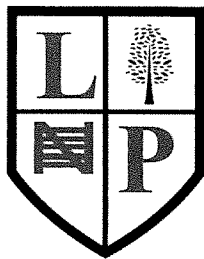


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Welcome back everyone; I hope you have had a lovely summer ☺

There is no News and Views today (starts again next week) but I thought I would send a letter home just informing parents of a few things.

Firstly, the children have come back from the summer very settled. The learning has very much started and we have begun the new academic year very positively. A special mention to the whole of Year 1. Wow, you made the transition from Reception look seamless. Well done everyone!

Updates....

Mr O'Sullivan, who is the Headteacher of St. Martin's and the Executive Headteacher (CEO) of the Brentwood Academies Trust (of which Larchwood is part of), is retiring. He will still be in post until the 31st August 2020, but this academic year, will be his last.

Mrs Baker is having a baby. Congratulations to both you and your husband ☺ Mrs Baker isn't due until early December and this timing will hopefully coincide with Miss Sharma coming back from maternity. If this is the case, it will be a straight swap in terms of teaching. I will keep parents of 2B updated about this.

Reminders

Our school uniform policy says the children should wear shoes. Trainers are not allowed. I am aware that some suppliers are selling shoes that look like trainers, so I will be reviewing our uniform policy in light of this. However, in the meantime (just for clarity), shoes need to look like shoes. If they look like trainers, then please don't buy them, as they may not be allowed to be worn at school.

Whilst on the subject of school uniform, we have a huge amount of unclaimed lost property in the school foyer. It will be there until next Wednesday but then it will be removed. Please come and take a look.

Every child needs a PE kit in school every day. We've already had to remind several parents about this, as their child has returned to school without a kit. Could everyone ensure their child has a full kit for Monday please. Thank you to the parents who sent their child in fully prepared for the academic year.

Year 3 parents – when picking up your children, could you leave enough space at the front of the playground (near the double doors) for the Year 2 parents to pick up their children first please.

Lastly, the first cohort of our new Reception children started today. As part of their induction, they had a tour of the school (it was great to see them walking around) and then later today, they all came to my assembly. I would like to say 'Welcome to Larchwood' and I look forward to welcoming more Reception children next week. How exciting!

Have a lovely weekend ☺

Mr R. Duff
Headteacher

