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## Welcome back to a the start of a new academic year

Welcome back to school and the term which is well underway. A special welcome to those joining us for the first time. Our new foundation children have been so confident in their first few weeks with us and we look forward to seeing them grow and mature during their time with us.

The first few weeks back at school is always exciting for staff and pupils and this year was no exception. It was great to be back to a school where building works were completed and all the classrooms were brightly welcoming for their new incumbents. After all the movement of classes and completion of the building last term this was very welcome. A big thank you to Mr Carter and his team and all the teachers and other staff who came in during the holidays to ensure that all was ready for the new term.

It was also brilliant to come back to see the results of the crowd funding and the new playground. It is already proving popular as a quieter area. We will be adding further equipment to the playgrounds over the forthcoming months.

## Parent Pay

As you are aware we are trying to extend ParentPay to cover Klub Kidz and also school meals. I apologise there have been a few glitches as one piece of software refuses to speak to another. We have technicians from the various companies at work on this at the moment and we hope to have it swiftly resolved. Hopefully before long, we can avoid any cash movements at the school with everything been done electronically.

## School Meals

From the 1st September Horizon Trust took responsibility for the running of the kitchen. At the same time Hooe, Pomphlett and Widewell also became part of the catering arm of the Trust. Prior to this, the school had an arrangement with CaterEd which was to come to an end and any new arrangements were not to the benefit of the school. Mrs Tucker has recently been appointed to lead the kitchens although for most of the week will continue to work at Elburton. This is an exciting development for us as we begin to develop our menus which will enhance the meals being offered to our pupils.

## Staffing News

Two teachers will be taking maternity leave later this term. Miss Jones will be beginning her leave around October half term and Mrs Sammels at Christmas. Miss Jones has not been taking a class this term but working with Year 6 and covering other teachers around the school. Mrs Churchill will work full time to take FCS in the New Year. We wish both teachers and their partners our best wishes in these exciting changes to their family lives.

Mrs Clarke, a much respected TA left us earlier this term to take up a fulltime post in a children's centre. Mrs Twaits will be replacing Mrs Clarke and Mrs Rockey and Mrs Hogg began as TAs following interviews for the posts that were advertised last term. Mrs Burton has been appointed as our new French Teacher and she will be working with all our KS2 classes. Two new cleaners, Mrs Arnold and Miss Byrne, have also been appointed.

As a training school linked to Devon Primary SCITT we welcome two trainee teachers this term. Mrs Williams will work with Mrs Bates in Year 4 and Miss Margetts will work with Miss Greatrex in Year 1. Having these trainee teachers has always been an asset to the school and we have over the years employed three teachers who have been trained by this outstanding teacher training programme.

We also welcome Miss Brown who will be taking up an apprenticeship with us. She will be based in Foundation.

## 2018-2019

05-09-2018 - 19-10-2018  
29-10-2018 - 19-12-2018  
03-01-2019 - 15-02-2019  
25-02-2019 - 05-04-2019  
24-04-2019 - 24-05-2019  
03-06-2019 - 19-07-2019  
06-05-2019 May Bank Holiday

## Twitter

Do follow us on @ElburtonSch. and add to our 415 followers!

## Donations

The infants would be grateful for any spare grey tights and Klub Kidz any large sheets that could be used to make dens. Thank you

## PTA

At the AGM the following officers were elected:  
Mrs Wills - Chair  
Mr Pullan - Treasurer  
Mrs Pullan - Secretary  
Mrs Walder - Communi-cations.  
The first meeting to which all are invited is at 7.30pm on 10th October in the Hall and the first event is the Infamous Wine and Wisdom on 9th November.

## Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamps in school for a hearing impaired charity. Any used stamps can be left at reception.