



Peafield Lane Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Mrs McDonald

Mrs McDonald will be retiring at Easter. She has worked here for many years with various age groups but, most recently, in our Nursery. All of our children who have been at Peafield since the age of three will have benefitted from the wonderful introduction to school life that Mrs McDonald has provided. More than that, she has run the gardening and allotment club for many years; our most popular club, accessible to all pupils. Behind the scenes, she is also the person we turn to whenever any serious accidents occur; it is Mrs McDonald that makes sure everything is in place to ensure everyone is first-aid trained, that all of the equipment for every trip and visit is in place. Mrs McDonald is a most thoughtful and reflective person. She is a person who will, quietly and without any fuss, look out for and ask after someone who is down or who has been having a hard time. We will miss you Jane. Thank you for everything and good luck in your next adventure!

For the summer term, our nursery teacher will be Miss Dowsing, who will be joining us from Forest Glade school in the Flying High Trust. She has several visits planned between now and then where she will get to know all of the children and she will be involved in our 'getting to know you' transition activities for new children joining us after Easter.

Class Dojo

For those of you with younger children, you will know about class dojo already. Several of our teachers have been using this communication software in various ways. We like it so much that we are going to extend its use throughout the school. During this next week, those of you who are not already 'signed-up' will receive instructions from your class teacher telling you how to log in to the system. It will allow you to receive regular updates on what your children are doing in class, provides a quick communication link between you and your child's teacher and also provides a platform for teachers and children to share work and activities. Please sign up when you get the letter from your child's teacher.

Coronavirus

We are working with our children to encourage them to regularly wash hands and staff are keeping on top of cleaning surfaces, door handles, etc. Every day each headteacher receives an update from the government on the state of play in relation to the spread and control of the Covid19 virus. In the UK it is business as usual. If anything changes I will post any new information on the school website or send out texts/Dojos, etc.

Parents evenings

The Spring term parents' evenings are due to take place on the last Tuesday and Wednesday before we break up. Please fill in and return the accompanying booking form being sent out alongside this letter.

Volunteers

We are still looking for more volunteers to help out in and around school. I personally want more help in the library and I know that many class teachers are seeking responsible adults to help out in various classroom based activities. If you have some regular time and wish to help out more, please speak to myself or your class teacher.

Kind regards,

Gary Walker
Headteacher