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Dear parent/carers,

Transition July 2021

Over the last few weeks, we have been working on the transition process for **all** the children as they move into their new classes. Usually, the classes have a 'moving up' transition day in order to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant and see what their new classroom is like. This year it will be Thursday 8th July. On this day, the children will complete a number of creative tasks which will allow the staff to get to know more about your child: likes, dislikes, interests outside of school etc. However, we feel that in order to enable the children to have the best start in their new school year, the transition needs to include more opportunities before the summer and involve you as parents/carers. Here is what we are planning:

Parental conferences

In the past we have held 'Back to School' meetings early in the autumn term but we are unsure what the future holds for us in September and so we have decided on a different approach. We would like to invite all parents to a one to one parental conference with your child's new teacher and teaching assistant(s) prior to the end of this academic year. This is an optional parental conference but will give you the opportunity to:

- Get to know your child's new teaching team
- Share any celebrations or concerns about your child
- Discuss your child's needs and any areas of support
- Review of any individual education plans for children with special educational needs

The parental conferences will run exactly like the parental conferences you had earlier in the school year: virtually and last about ten minutes. You will be able to book a convenient time slot via ParentPay which will go live at 12 noon on Friday 25th June. If you have not booked an appointment, we will assume you do not require one.



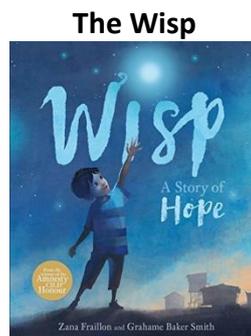
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The dates are as follows:

Date	Year group
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Current Year 1
Friday 2 nd July 2021	Current Reception
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Current Year 2
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Current Year 3
Thursday 15 th July 2021	Current Year 4
Friday 16 th July 2021	Current Year 5

When a teacher is released to conduct the parental conferences, their class needs to be covered by another member of staff and we are delighted to have been able to organise it so that the teacher who will be teaching them in their new class, can also cover the parental conference days.



In September, again linking in with transition, the whole school will work on a three week cross-curricular project based on the beautiful book 'The Wisp – A Story of Hope' by Zana Fraillon and Grahame Baker-Smith. This is a stunning book which will allow the children to complete bridging units to review their previous learning but also allow time for the Arts and the development of a relationship focused start to the school year.

Social Stories

As part of the preparation for the move of classes, a social story will be written for each class which will explain the curriculum, expectations and the routines of the school week. This will be uploaded onto the school website and Google Classroom so you are able to share it with your child to ensure they are at ease making the step into their next school year.

We do hope that you can see we have given careful consideration to our transition arrangements and are aiming to ensure the step to the next academic year is as seamless as it can possibly be, whilst giving time to do what is right to prepare our Newchurch robins to fly as they start our new school year in September.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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