



We have reached the end of a very long Spring term, full of great opportunities and interesting challenges along the way. We have seen most of our children go on school trips, enjoyed the return of celebration assemblies - along with our new house point system - and met some new members of the team. We have also had to continue battling the complications that Covid has brought us, both in terms of staffing and pupil illness. Indeed over half of the staff have had to miss school this term after contracting the virus, with a considerable amount of children also being absent.

It was with much sadness and many heavy hearts that we said farewell to Ms Penny Stafford this week. It was nearly 20 years ago that Ms Stafford started at our school - and as so many of you know, she has been an integral member of the staff team from then right up to this week. We had a fantastic send-off in the hall; a tea party that started with excellent violin playing by Swallow Class and refreshments provided by the wonderful members of FOLS. Governors and parents also had the opportunity to come and say goodbye and Ms Stafford left on Wednesday under bouquets of flowers and many other gifts. We would all like to thank her for everything she has done for the school, including her high quality teaching and her dedicated care of every child that has passed through her class. I am sure she will come back and visit us soon but until then we wish her the very best in her future ventures.

We have two new staff members who have started working with us since Christmas, as well as a PGCE student. Miss Dillon has now settled in well working in Swallow Class and has brought both inspiration and consistency to the class. Mrs Ball has been able to come in and teach for a few days and we are looking forward to welcoming her full time with us in Starling Class after the Easter break. Finally we have Miss Jess Henry, who is a final placement student from Bath Spa University. She will be mainly based in Goldfinch Class, teaching alongside Mrs Smith, finishing her placement in June.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening last week, we had a great turnout for what I hope was a useful and informative session. If you were unable to come in to see your child's books and to meet the class teacher then please contact the school office and we can arrange an alternative consultation time.

Breakfast club has been a moderate success this term, but despite having a lot of parents requesting it, some days have very few - if any - children attending. We appreciate this may be due to the fact that it was a trial with no long term guarantees that it will be in place. Mr Groves will continue next term, but just on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which have been the busier days. You can go onto his website and book as before. If interest does pick up, then we can look at extending this back to Mondays and Fridays as well.

We all hope that you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25th April.



Photos from Ms Stafford's Tea Party



Photos from a celebration breakfast for Goldfinch Class



Weekly Diary Dates for the Summer Term

Starting on the first week of term

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| Monday | <u>PM</u> - Violin lesson for Swallow Class.
<u>After school</u> Choir (yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Lego Club (Ryr and yr1) |
| Tuesday | <u>Before school</u> Breakfast Club
<u>AM</u> - PE for children in Robins and Swallows with Mr Groves
<u>PM</u> - PE for children in Kingfishers and Goldfinches with Mr Groves
<u>After school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves |
| Wednesday | <u>Before school</u> Breakfast Club <u>After school</u> - Sunflower Club |
| Thursday | <u>Before school</u> Breakfast Club <u>After school</u> - Yoga Club |