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Dear Parents/Guardians

You will all be aware of the considerable number of changes that have been put in place since I last wrote to you in July 2022. Following our disappointing Ofsted visit at the end of the previous school year we had areas to address within the school and this has been a major focus for us this year.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Buck to lead our school in September. We applaud her for taking on the school with the criticisms from Ofsted and addressing each of them to make changes that have improved the school without affecting our school's ethos and vision for the children that we all value so much.

A new safeguarding system was quickly implemented at the beginning of the school year ensuring that safeguarding documentation was kept up to date and stored centrally. We have worked closely with the Local Authority to ensure that the correct safeguarding procedures are in place and being followed, we are confident that we now have the documentation in place to prove this.

Miss Buck has also been instrumental in completely re-vamping our curriculum. This is a huge task and we are very impressed with how much she and the staff have achieved since she started. Changes to the curriculum take time to implement and even longer to see the impact of and this process will continue for the foreseeable future. As parents you can be confident that the changes put in place will ensure that your children will benefit from lessons that are clear in their intent and implementation and the impact of this will be reflected as they travel through the school.

We have seen a number of staff changes this year and have been delighted to welcome teacher Mrs Hart to the school along with Mrs Riley who joined us as a teaching assistant. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Higgins as the Red Kite teacher in September. We thank the staff for all the work that they do around school, often going above and beyond what is expected of them.

As a school we continue to offer a huge range of opportunities from lacrosse to gardening to pottery to cricket and the children have represented the school in a number of events over the year. These opportunities would not be possible without the staff giving up their free time.





There are some more exciting changes underway, all funded by fundraising from the PSA and the local community. We now have Chrome books so the children can incorporate IT into many more of their lessons. We also have work on both the IT room and the library planned for the coming months which will transform these spaces for the school.

As I mentioned last year, there are still areas of the school buildings that are urgently in need of maintenance. West Berkshire assures us that it recognises this work as a priority and they are planning work to remedy the situation.

As a governing body, we are absolutely committed to supporting our staff and ensuring our children have a broad and rounded education. Our staff team work long hours and show commitment to each child in our school. We would like to thank the parent community in showing consideration and respect to the staff. The staff share an open dialogue with parents and make themselves available at very short notice. This is a feature of the school we are proud of and we would like to ensure that our friendly and welcoming school remains that way.

The school would not be the place it is without the support of you, the school community. We are lucky to have such supportive parents who help out in so many ways. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and I wish everyone a fabulous and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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