

## Playground Equipment

Pupils across the school have given suggestions to improve our school playground in the short term before our new school is in place.

We have had many suggestions for our playground ranging from new balls to trampolines and even an outdoor swimming pool! Unfortunately our budget is rather limited!

A group of P7 pupils met with Mrs Walker and Mr Wilson to discuss resources and how we could organise the playground. Resources suggested have been ordered and have now arrived in school.

Resources will now start to be available in the playground for all pupils. We look forward to trying to source further resources.


To support with loose parts play, any donations of the following would be much appreciated:

- Drain piping/guttering
- Tarpaulin
- Plastic Crates (like Tesco delivery crates)
- Milk Crates
- Short splinter free pieces of wood
- Shells
- Pine Cones

We are also looking for:

- Blank notebooks
- Colouring books
- Puzzle books

If you can help in any way at all, please contact the school office and a member of staff will be in touch. Thank you so much for your help!

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Welcome to Term 2 in school.

We thank our families for continuing to support the changes that have taken place in school since the summer and for your continued support with our COVID-19 procedures and guidance that remain in place.

Please be assured that as soon as guidance allows, we will change back to our normal school day and routines.

As we are in the run up to Christmas we are unsure of what this will currently look like in school. Again we have plans in place linked to our current guidance, and should this change we will adapt these accordingly.

Our pupils continue to inspire us with their resilience and positive approaches in such a different school time for them. As restrictions allow, we continue to increase pupil movement and groups across the school.

As a school team, we would like to again thank you for your continued support of our school. It is much appreciated.

L Walker

### **Staffing Update**

We currently have two learning assistant vacancies advertised at present. Interviews will take place shortly and we will inform our families of the outcome of this as soon as we can.

Mrs Harris has started in our school as an attainment teacher, supporting us to increase attainment across the school and ensure pupils receive interventions and supports in literacy and numeracy. Mrs Harris is settling in well and is thoroughly enjoying being part of our school community.

We have three new learning assistants in school.

Mrs Gall is working in our Hive classroom full time and Mrs Hamilton has started this week and is working across the school. Mr Bell started just before the October break and works different days weekly.

Mrs Skene, our Support for Learning Teacher has shared that she is pregnant with her third child. She is very much looking forward to her new arrival as are her family.

### **BBC Children In Need**

As a school we will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 19th November.

The theme for this year is 'Together, We Can,' and the fundraising theme is linked to Strictly Come Dancing.

At Mayfield we will be having a 'Strictly Mayfield' theme for Children in Need. In school teachers will be supporting their class to create their own class Strictly performance.

All pupils are encouraged to embrace Strictly by:

- Adding a little sparkle to your clothes for the day (a sequin, a glittery top etc)
- Wearing party clothes or your dancing outfit

As a school we will make a donation to Children in Need to support children across the UK. Feel free to contribute by giving your child a small donation on the day to support this. Any donations will be collected by your child's class teacher.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

To get in the festive spirit we will be encouraging pupils and staff to wear Christmas jumpers on Fridays in December.

If your child has outgrown their Christmas jumper we would be very keen for any donations so that we can recycle these and make jumpers available to families.

Please hand in any donations to the school office.

### **Parent Consultations**

Our Parent and Carer Consultations are taking place across this week and next. We had hoped that these would have taken place face to face but this has not been possible at this time.

Thank you for your support by being available across an extended time slot. This is much appreciated.