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Headteacher – Mrs K Mason

22nd July 2021

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of this academic year 2020/2021, I write with some final information.

RSE Consultation.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our survey regarding our new RSE policy. We have taken onboard your comments and will continue to work with you and inform you of any changes to our policy.

Exciting News!

For over 2 years now we have been busy planning something very special for our 300 year anniversary. As we have faced such a huge setback with the global pandemic we have decided to celebrate our 300 year anniversary from July 2021 through to July 2022.

Something which has been a dream of mine for many years has been to create a unique learning space for our children where we can house a school library. Thanks to my husband, who worked for many years in the rail industry, we have been gifted a first class train carriage for our school!

This is a major project and as you can imagine, has taken extensive time and planning over the last 3 years. Mr Trimbee (our School Business Manager) and Mr Mason have worked extensively with a number of professionals over many months. We have now been granted planning permission from Derbyshire County Council and after many years of this project being a pipe dream – we are very close to it becoming a reality!

Portabrook, based in Derby, has given us the carriage, Network Rail will prepare the base, which is a huge task and we are so grateful for such major contributions from both these companies. We are also talking with Alstom about support with some internal modifications. We are now looking for a company to sponsor the transportation of the carriage, which will need to be lifted by crane into our playground.

This exciting space will provide a much needed area in school for both full class and small group learning. There will be train style seating for 40, full electrics and power sockets for laptops etc.

I hope you will agree that this will be so exciting for our children and inspire their learning, especially at a time when we are busily trying to build their bridges (or tracks!) to the future.

The ground will be prepared during our summer break and the carriage will be in place by early autumn (date to be confirmed).

The carriage will be situated adjacent to the playground on the side of the Old School House and will be sunk down to ensure safety standards are met and accessibility is easy from the trim trail area.

The hope is that we can have a grand unveiling and a celebration of 300 years for the whole school community in the new academic year. More details to follow as soon as we are able to make plans. If anyone feels they would like to contribute to this exciting project in any way, please contact the school office.

I have shared this news with our children today and they were so excited to hear about this fantastic project. I am delighted that it is all coming together.

Finally, thank you once again for your support this year. I am very aware that many of you have found the start and end of our day stressful and time consuming but as a school I am very proud to say that we have kept everyone safe and our school Covid free! As I reflect on this last year I want to share with you how grateful I am to the staff team here at Richardson Endowed. They have certainly gone that extra mile for your children, even in a time of uncertainty for our country and the knock-on effect for education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the summer break and to wish our school leavers and their families all the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming all our new starters and our current students back to school on Monday 6th September 2021. I shall write to you again at the end of the summer holiday to inform you of arrangements dependant on Government guidance.

Stay safe and look after yourselves and our community.

Kind regards

Mrs K Mason
Headteacher

Term Dates 2021/2022

2 September 2021 - 22 October 2021
1 November 2021 - 23 December 2021
10 January 2022 - 18 February 2022
28 February 2022 - 8 April 2022
25 April 2022 - 27 May 2022
6 June 2022 - 22 July 2022

INSET Days

2nd September 2021
3rd September 2021

Therefore our first day of the new academic year for children is Monday 6th September 2021

29th November 2021
23rd December 2021

6th June 2022 (extra day holiday for school to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee)
1st July 2022

Bank Holiday School Closed

2nd May 2022