

Newsletter 4 - Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Families,

So we are finally in! It's been such a great week to be in our long-awaited school. I'm sure you'll agree, it's such a lovely space with so much room for us. It was a brilliant feeling on Tuesday welcoming you and the children into school for the first time. I have a photograph of myself with each child as they arrived which I will share with you. It was a very proud moment for me personally as all the work over the last year has come to fruition and cumulated in an incredible school building, with exceptionally dedicated and inspirational staff and absolutely delightful children and supportive parents - what more could any head teacher ask for! It's a day I will treasure for a long time to come.

We are expecting full completion of the building to be during the October half term so Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw will move to the purpose built Reception classroom during this time and the plan is to open after the half term holiday in this new classroom. Until then, the same arrangements will be in place. I hope that you are finding the arrangements agreeable. Please can I remind you that school officially starts at **8:50am** and all children are expected to be in school by that time or they will be marked as late. Parents staying until 9am is part of our curriculum time and not the start time. Many thanks for your support with this. I would also like to reiterate mine and the staff's gratitude at your incredible support throughout the last few weeks while we have had our temporary site at Scientia Academy. It really has made such a difference to know that you are very much working with us and doing all you can to support us - thank you!

Open days: As we are expecting to have access to the whole school after half term, it would seem like a good idea to have our Macmillan Coffee morning on the first Friday back which is the **9th November**. Please send in donations of cakes that morning and we will start with a tour of the school at 9am and then finish up in the hall for coffee and cake. I really hope you can join us. If you can't, please let us know when you'd like to have a look around and we will make that happen. You will have noticed on the 'Dates for your Diary' that we are having Open days for next year's intake on the 21st & 22nd November.

Tapestry on line learning journal: Many apologies that the log ins have yet to be shared with you. I am the Administrator for the system and with the move I have not yet had an opportunity to do this but will make it my first job next week so that you can see some of the wonderful things your child has been up to, especially when we were at the Forestry centre. We had such a fantastic day and the children had the chance to handle the owls which was really a great experience.

Dining experience: Our new Caterers are doing a great job and have been extremely flexible with what they are providing for the children and nothing has been too much trouble. Some children prefer sandwiches and the children have had a chance to independently make their own

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sandwiches which has been good fun and well-received! It's been so lovely having the hall to ourselves and we feel like royalty having our very own Caterer coming to serve us every day! Please see photographs below. There will be a menu coming out next week so that you can see what's on offer for the children, we're just waiting for the Caterer to deliver them to us.

Curriculum News: Phonics teaching is well underway. Thank you for your support with the home learning - the children have produced some super work. The children have been learning the Owl Babies story well and are starting to create their own oral retellings based on this story. We hope to show some of this work off to you soon. Please have a look at one or two photos from our Owl Experience and the first day in our new dining area!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week,

With very best wishes,



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Talking of talented staff - our very own Mr Parker made this logo for our front office!



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