



"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"

18th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you are all well.

We are very excited about all our progress and developments this academic year. It is a relief that we are getting back to normal after all the challenges of Covid-19.

As mentioned before, we have invested heavily into technology for the future education of our children. We would like to celebrate our vision and resources with you all. In light of this, we are having two open days for parents to come to Dorrington and experience what we have to offer your children. Obviously, we are very busy preparing the children for their SATs exams at present and we propose to do the two open days after the SATs testing is over. The important dates for your diary for the open days are Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June 2022. Details of times will follow.

We have built our reputation as an outstanding Academy on progressive, whole child educational provision. As part of this successful journey, we pride ourselves in having as much small group teaching as possible. To enable this over the years, we have strategically and meticulously planned our finances to enable this. So, we are delighted to inform you that we have employed a further seven teachers for September 2022 to continue and enhance small group teaching provision.

Our investment in administration software systems to improve efficiency and effectiveness is proving to be very successful and our new administration team are working tirelessly to enable this. As the majority of the administration team are new to the school, I hope you continue to make them feel welcome as they learn your names and faces in the community.

We are training the children to use the outside playground equipment next week, and for all those that have consented it will be open the following week, weather permitted. Both the children and staff are very excited about this.

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We welcome Mrs Dawn Miller as our new community member of staff. She is busy compiling all her initiatives to share with you. Mrs Miller looks forward to meeting all the Reception parents next week and proposes to send all parents and carers confirmation of her proposed initiatives before Easter.

You will be receiving information regarding extra-curricular clubs resuming after Easter over the next two weeks. As in previous years, we are offering a variety of clubs for the children to enjoy - run by the staff - at no cost to yourselves. We are also including parent workshops which will be part of Mrs Miller's program and Miss Stringer's technology program.

We are in the process of planning an exciting program for our children in extra skills that could give them a taster of careers they might want to go into in later life. We are providing a purpose-built building to offer plastering, brick laying and general DIY skills. When the building is complete, we will provide more information.


Many parents have asked when we will be providing another production. The Greatest Showman, our last production, was rather special with many months of preparation. Our proposal at the moment is that our next show will be Easter 2023. For this year, we are delighted to tell you that Miss Nugent is in the process of organising a dance festival entitled 'Old vs New'. This will take place in the summer term and a much-anticipated celebration of dance is expected.

We are delighted that so many children have joined Rocksteady and are learning new musical skills. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hear their efforts around the Academy.

I look forward to sharing some cake and coffee with the Reception mothers, along with the Senior Leadership Team, in celebration of Mother's Day next Thursday and Friday. I will not be available next Wednesday due to prior commitments.

Finally, I hope you have a lovely weekend as the weather is improving. Enjoy Comic Relief Day and congratulations to all the children where they have celebrated super science week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Barratt', with a horizontal line underneath.

Miss L Barratt

Headteacher