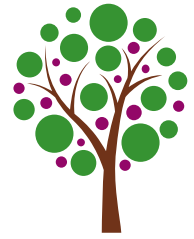


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to EYFS

We are writing to advise you of some changes to Nursery and Reception ahead of the new academic year.

As of September 2024, the Nursery and Reception classes will become an Early Years Unit, led by Miss Stretton as EYFS lead, an additional teacher, Teaching Assistants and support staff. There will be 2 class groups, which will consist of a mix of Nursery and Reception age children.

Currently, the Reception children access both Robin and Puffin Classrooms and Nursery children only access Wren Classroom. As of September, all children (Nursery and Reception age) have access to all 3 classrooms along the corridor, as well as the outdoor area, enabling more opportunities for 'free flow' and outdoor exploration and learning. This has always been an issue for our Reception classes as they don't have external doors. We are certain this will be a positive change for the children and will help with many aspects of their learning and development. We have already put timetables in place to ensure that every child will access learning at their attainment level, rather than an age-based grouping.

The 3 classrooms are going to undertake a 'make-over' during the summer break and you'll be invited in to see the improvements in the autumn term.

To reassure you, as a school we are adept at leading mixed age classes right across the school and research suggests there are many positives developmentally upon children of all ages and starting points.

Staffing and classes etc. will be confirmed at a later date. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Mrs V Farr
Head Teacher