



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Dear All,

As you will have heard last week, I have made the very difficult decision to leave Blue Sky Federation at the end of the summer term. I have loved working across the federation for the last 7 years but feel I need some space and time to recharge after a turbulent few years. I am very much hoping to find a new opportunity which will enable me to get back to the heart of teaching and to spend more time with the children. In the meantime, I know that the governors are working hard to find a successor to strengthen the federation further and we will be in touch with more news as soon as we have it.

Elsewhere we have been busy recruiting for Acorn class and the office. We had a very strong field to choose from which was fantastic, although it did lead to some very difficult decision making. We hope to be able to announce the changes soon, after the necessary checks have been completed.

It has been a very busy start to term already with gymnastics and the KS2 trip to Bewilderwood. These are just the first of many exciting opportunities this term as we look forward to getting out and about exploring as part of our geography topics.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Pre-school:** Preschool has been busy welcoming three new children and their families into our group since our return from the Easter break. Activities have included, playing a fishing game which helps us to recognise numerals and to improve our counting skills and practicing our early writing skills. Our rear garden area has now been cleared and we have prepared our pots for sewing our seeds next week. The children are excited by the idea of growing their own snack.

**Acorn:** Acorn class have been learning how to make maps. So far, the children have mapped the playground and made some maps of journeys in stories. Some children have learnt about adding a key to a map. We have also been learning a new story, Little Red Riding Hood, and have made missing posters for a girl in a red cloak. In PSHE we have begun naming parts of the body and in maths we have been halving and quartering fruit.

**Oak & Birch:** Oak and Birch Classes were lucky enough to take part in a full range of gymnastics activities on Tuesday morning. Their muscles were definitely stretched and everyone gave their very best efforts at practicing the techniques they were asked to try. Some very excited children also had a fantastic trip to Bewilderwood on Wednesday where they enjoyed slides, mazes and zip lines - they didn't stop for a second! One visitor to the park remarked on how considerate and well behaved all of the children were towards each other and younger children at the park, which was lovely to hear. The children had their first glockenspiel lesson in music and enjoyed a lower key yoga session for P.E. this week, following on from all of their busy schedule. Each class has also started their topic work with either Miss Dinn or Mrs Gale and will look forward to more of this next week.

**Forest School News** Welcome back everyone we are really looking forward to getting stuck in this term in our lovely wood. The Year 6s have had loads of fun ideas that we cannot wait to get stuck in to. This week we are starting with Bow and Arrow making. Even though the weather is starting to improve, please could children still wear long sleeves and trousers to protect their skin from bugs and bushes. **Don't forget that Acorn class have their next Forest School session on Wednesday next week.**



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## Dates for your diary

**Y3/4 Forest School** – Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May

**Y5/6 Forest School** – Fridays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May

**Y3/4 Swimming** – every Monday afternoon

**Acorn Gymnastics** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Acorn Forest School** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Y6 surfing** – Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May and 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June

**Family Learning afternoon** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – all welcome!

**Acorn trip to Hall Farm** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-term** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Acorn trip to the Henry Blogg museum** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June



**New logo!** Over the last year or so we have been reviewing our vision and values with parents, staff and children. We spent time thinking about the qualities we want our children to have when they leave and how we will make sure this happens. To reflect this, we have created a new logo to use for school uniform and letters etc. If you buy any new school uniform from this point it will have this logo. Don't worry if your child continues to wear the old logo, this is absolutely fine, it will be a very gradual transition.





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