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Friday is Miss Batemans last day before her maternity leave starts. We are delighted for her news, we know she will be a fantastic mother and wish her the best for the exciting first months of being a mother. Being based in Reception, she has taught every single year group in this school and is loved by all children. If you wish to contribute to her leaving present or sign a card, please can it be given to the office soon.

In regards to cover, for the 14 school days before half term, Reception Class will be taken by either Mrs Sierant or Mrs Webb. Mrs Webb is a former Reception and KS1 teacher at Woodford Halse School, who still does some cover there. I spoke with Mrs Webb well before Easter, about having an agreement with one local, recommended, experienced teacher who can be our first contact with any supply or cover needed. That way children have more consistency and instead of us getting a different teacher from agencies each time, and the school has more control in knowing that we will have a good quality teacher in the classroom. After half term, a full time Reception Teacher will be teaching the class.

Despite advertising for the a teacher to start at the start of Miss Batemans maternity, we were not satisfied with the applications received for immediate cover, and chose to appoint a stronger teacher who could start after half term. Until the final stages and checks in the recruitment process are complete, I am not able to give a name or any more information. Hopefully this will be able to come in the next week or so.

Parent Pay – Teething troubles

A number of you have reported having problems adding children into your ParentPay. There appears to be a problem with the “activation codes”. Parentpay are investigating and we will update you as soon as we can.

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2 (24th April is “Making Music)

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2 (25th April is self portraits/portraits)

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3 (26th April is Paddington 2)

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday, Keyboard lessons – every Thursday

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent.

Celebration Assemblies - Friday for Penguins, Kiwi and Owl Class. Robins in class – day/time to be arranged

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school

Tuesday 30th April – PTA meeting at Cross Tree Pub 8pm

Wednesday 1st May – Book Fair arrives

Thursday 2nd May – swimming Yr 3,4 and 5

Monday 6th May – school closed (MayDay Holiday)

Thursday 9th May – swimming Yrs 3,4 and 5

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs

Thursday 16th May – swimming Years 3,4,5 and 6

Thursday 23rd May – Class/group photos