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Hall

The completion date for the hall is currently set to the 26th of February. It is encouraging to be walking in and seeing painted walls, finished ceilings, electrics installed and now toilets fitted. Inside it looks like a fantastic space for some many different elements of the school day - I can't wait for children to walk in for the first time.

Links with Nursery

The school has been working with solicitors from our academy and the Nursery for a long time now, in order to have the two education provisions join together into one organisation. This process is taking frustratingly longer than we had initially been led to believe, and we are currently working with the Department for Education, to extend the age range of the school so we can accept intake of 2 year olds, in order for Byfield Nursery and Byfield school to become one. Part of this process is a parent's consultation, which I am unable at this stage to give any timeframe when it will commence. We will not be looking at a restructure of any staffing in this process, and adults in classes and Nursery will continue with their current roles. Although technically we are still two different organisations, we are now looking at ways we can develop our links so that we can have this seamless education from Nursery to School. Nursery and School staff have attended shared training this term, we will be creating more opportunities for the Nursery and School to work together after half term.

Inspire, Challenge, Succeed

Underpinning the school's philosophy of education, is our motto: 'Inspire, Challenge, Succeed'. One day this week, I went into classes and asked children to tell me about what has happened which has inspired them, challenged them and where they have been successful. Here are some of their replies:

How were you inspired today?

- In RE, we had 4 activities including a creative art activity –we made paper flowers with our own prayer, put them in water and they opened.
- We had to research and present to our class about a different Anglo-Saxon king. We were given freedom and could include our own music compositions, IT and our own presentation style.

How were you challenged today?

- We had to work in groups to create a diary about a Roman. The teacher kept calling one of us and gave us extra features to include – like questions, feelings, or thoughts.
- We had to use new words which I didn't know in our RE lesson.
- We were told we had to present something in front of the whole class, working in groups, and we could choose how to present it.
- We worked in groups.

How were you successful?

- I was confident when presenting in front my whole class.
- I was really proud of my diary writing.
- I made a computer game - I programmed a game where the player had to control a UFO around a maze.
- I now understand fractions.

It was a really inspiring snapshot of what children were doing in school. In governors last night we discussed ways in which we can share with parents more information about this things children are doing on a daily basis.

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

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

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

Governors

School Hall - A lasting legacy

We are all excited that work is progressing with the building of our new school hall. This work has been possible because of a successful bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund. However, we still need to raise funds to make sure the hall is fully kitted out with new sports equipment, catering facilities and audio-visual facilities.

Legacy Donors

Anyone who donates £20 towards the school hall will have their name recorded and displayed permanently within the new hall. This is a way we can celebrate, in a lasting way, the contributions that people make. Please place donations (cash or cheques to "Byfield School") in an envelope marked "Legacy Donor", and clearly indicate the name you would like to be displayed, then hand in at Reception.

Naming the School Hall

You may wish to make a substantial donation, in return for having the school hall named after yourself, your family, or perhaps a loved one *in memoriam*. Please contact the Headteacher to arrange a meeting if you would like to discuss this option.

Any support you can give to the School is hugely appreciated and helps us provide the best facilities we can for your children.

With thanks Sarah Burke Chair of Governors

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. We also have some sessions for PE booked at the village hall.

Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi Tuesday – Owls Thursday – Penguins Friday – Robins

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am (Village Hall until further notice)

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school (Village Hall)

Tuesday 12th February – Hotshots in Village Hall 8am

Tuesday 12th February – Height and Weight checks Robin Class and Year 6s

Wednesday 13th February – Penguin Class to Midlands Air Museum, Coventry

Friday 15th February – break up for half term 3.15pm

Monday 25th February – school opens 8.45am

Tuesday 26th February – Group photos – classes, clubs, music groups etc

Monday 4th March – Professor McGinty visit for Kiwi and Owl Class

Wednesday 13th March – Cross Country Event – Woodford Halse Primary School

Friday 5th April – break up for Easter 3.15pm



