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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a lovely half term in the sunshine. Hopefully the sunny weather will continue.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Carroll who has taken a position at Cedar Hall School teaching English and Art. She will be much missed and I thank her for her hard work at Northwick during the last four years. Mrs Ridley has recently returned from maternity leave and we will welcome Miss Matthey back in July. In September, Miss Gillbe is transferring to Leigh Beck Infant and Miss Friedman and Mrs Lockwood, after very successfully completing their training at Northwick, will be joining the school as newly qualified teachers. Mrs Wright is returning from Leigh Beck to teach the morning Nursery group. This will enable Mrs Keys to reduce her working days to a four day week and share with myself and the two Deputy Headteachers, Miss Gould and Mrs John the running of the school as it continues to grow in size. In September we will be up to our maximum of 21 classes with nearly 600 children in the school (plus Nursery and Daycare). To accommodate the extra pupils in July, we will be starting a building project in front of the Link corridor (where I park my car!). There will be two small teaching rooms, two offices and three additional toilets. It is scheduled to be finished by mid-December. The main Nursery has recently had its canopy repaired and the room, including the kitchen, will be refurbished over the Summer. We are also installing a new canopy off Rainbow room at the back of the school. We are also awaiting the outcome from the Department of Education of our bids for funding to complete additional projects. It's going to be a very busy Summer!

Thank you to everyone that returned their child's list of five friends who they would like to be in class with next year. The deadline for this has now passed. If you returned your list of five names, we guarantee your child will be placed in class with at least one of their choices. A great deal of thought and work by the teachers goes into reorganising the classes and as most classes are full, we are unable to make changes. The children will be visiting their new classes on Friday 25th June.

The teachers in each year group next year will be

Nursery (am) Mrs Wright (Mrs Lamy – Friday)

Nursery (pm) Mrs Keys (Mrs Lamy – Friday)

Reception	Mr Keys, Mrs Moore and Miss J Andrews
Year One	Miss Cramer (4 days)/Mrs Ridley (1 day), Mrs Lockwood and Miss Friedman
Year Two	Mrs Gravely (4 days)/Mrs Hughes (1 day), Mr Long and Mrs Dawkins
Year Three	Miss Gardner, Miss Graham and Mrs Corbyn
Year Four	Mrs Buckle (2 days)/Mrs Young (3 days), Miss G Andrews and Miss Dickinson
Year Five	Miss German, Miss Leader and Mrs Hyde (1 day)/Miss Matthey (4 days)
Year Six	Mr Ridley, Mrs Cooper and Miss Tillson

The teachers teaching the additional sets will be

Year Three	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Stevenson
Year Four	Mrs Pye-Mingard/Mrs Whiston
Year Five	Miss Davies
Year Six	Miss Gould/Mrs Clark (English) Mrs John (Maths)

We will be holding parent consultations during the last week of term. These will be led by your child's current teacher but you will also be able to meet their new teacher. For children in years One to Six, you received their annual written report in February, therefore we will not be issuing another written report this year. Children in Reception will receive their written report on Friday 9th of July. If your child is in Year 2, you will be given their score in the phonics screening test they took in December and if applicable, their score in the re-test in July.

For children in Year Six, we will be issuing the Teacher Assessment judgements that have been shared with their secondary schools. These will be emailed out during the last week of term.

During your child's consultations, teachers will discuss with you their current attainment and share their individual provision for the new school year. We are really pleased with how hard most of the children worked during lockdown and since they returned to school. Most have made good progress and many are completely back on track. Well done and thank you. At your parent consultation you will be given guidance and materials for the holidays to help the children maintain their progress and not slip back. Everyone deserves a holiday but continuing to read with your child every day and completing 3 short Maths/English activities a week will make a huge difference in maintaining their current attainment.

Please remember that reading to your child is as valuable as them reading to you and that reading does not always have to be from a book. Looking back, I know my 3 boys improved their reading by reading the sports pages from a newspaper and my daughter from reading recipes, as she loved to bake!

Mrs Brooks (SENCO) and myself recently met with all year groups and together, we identified a number of children who we feel would benefit from being placed on our special needs register. If your child is already on the special needs register or we feel needs to be placed on it, Mrs Brooks will be contacting you next week to invite you to a 'One Plan' meetings where any additional provision will be discussed. These appointments will last approximately 20 minutes and will be attended by their current teacher and their new teacher. If your child has an EHCP the Learning Support Assistant who will be supporting them in September, will also attend. Therefore, you will not need to attend the Parent Consultations during the last week of term.

At the moment we are planning on holding 'One Plans' meetings and parent consultations face to face unless the guidance changes.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Lane
Headteacher