



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

The first weeks here have been like a roller coaster ride as I gain a greater understanding of the school and members of the school community start to get to know me. The schools current predicament means that a lot of work has to go on behind the scenes before the wider school community can see the results. As I have spoken to parents it has become apparent that some of you are anxious about school. Having discussed these concerns with parents I have been able to explain our current position on a range of issues and hope that I have put their minds at ease. If you have worries or concerns regarding school life then please do not let them build into huge worries. I will be out on the playgrounds as often as possible so do catch me if you would like to chat. If you are not comfortable with this then pop to the office and make an appointment to see me. It is important that we know how you are feeling so that we can respond to concerns and worries.

As I said at the OFSTED parents meeting, if I feel that I need to rethink decisions then I will. A concern that has been raised this week regards breakfast club. Please respond quickly if you would like to use Breakfast Club.

This week has been a busy one at school. I have observed the majority of teachers on a more formal basis and have been delighted with the lessons that I have seen. The staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we are addressing the areas of concern raised by OFSTED and we are heading in the right direction. I am really looking forward to our next INSET day (February 14th) where we will begin to look at the new curriculum. This will give us an opportunity to plan to inspire our pupils and give them some really exciting learning opportunities.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

What would you like to know?

As we begin to plan for next half term we would like to run some parental workshops to keep you up to date with the way in which we teach in school. Please could you tick below if you would like to know more about the subjects listed. We would also like to know your preferred time for such workshops:

Reading	Writing	
Maths	Phonics	
Special Educational Needs		

Which time would be best? (please circle)

2:30pm 3:30pm 6pm

Or:

I would like a workshop about:

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 9th February

Swimarathon 9:00 am

Thursday 13th February

Break for Half term Holiday

Monday 24th February

Return to School

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March

Parents' Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm

School Trips/In school experiences:

Following our consultation about school trips I am delighted that we have received an overwhelmingly positive response. The vast majority of parents/carers said that they would like us to go on school trips if we could ensure that we do not go over £10 in cost.

We would like to reassure you that we **will not charge this much if the costs are lower**. Nor will we exceed this amount if the visit is more expensive – rather we would subsidise the cost to ensure that it does not become unmanageable for parents/carers.