



PARENTS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

iPad updates

As a school we have invested heavily in communication and ICT iPad technology in the last few years. This has proved very successful and we need to build a system for monitoring, maintenance and updates that will allow for further development. To that end all iPads will be returned to the ICT service for upgrading from **7 February to 20 February**. I apologise to pupils that this means we will have no iPads available in school between those dates, and a few older programmes will not be reinstalled. However, we will have a more efficient system when they return after the half term break.

School nurse update

I am pleased to let you know that we have a school nurse on site each Monday. We will have off site support during the rest of the week. She is able to offer advice and support but is not able to diagnose or replace the need to see a GP. If you would like to see a school nurse please let your child's class teacher know in the diary and we will pass contact details over to you. Monday afternoons would be the best meeting time.

Sling maintenance

We have all school slings maintained regularly to ensure safety for pupils and staff. Families whose young people use slings will know that home and school slings are often swapped over in transport etc. We are supporting the maintenance services by requesting that slings not already serviced are in school **overnight on February 8th**. We have a list of those slings known to us and will get an individual message out to those families. If you think you have a sling at home that has been provided from NHS therapy services and that has not been serviced please put a note in your child's diary giving any identification numbers on it that you can and we will also pass that information over.

Baby news

Many of you will have known Sarah Crouch, deputy head teacher, for several years. Sarah is expecting a maternity leave from round about Easter and Christine Cole, assistant head teacher, will be acting deputy head teacher during that time. Whilst Sarah will be very much missed I am sure you will join me in being delighted at her news.

Sleep clinic

Does your child have difficulty sleeping? Do they dislike staying in their own room? Would you like some new support and advice that is available? A specialist sleep clinic will be hosted here on 17 May. Access to this is by referral only, not drop in,

and so please let your child's class teacher know you are interested and we will pass further details on to you.

New governors

I am delighted that we will shortly be joined by 4 new governors. Tanya Seaton, who has both financial and NHS experience, her husband Chris who brings health and safety knowledge and two Linton people, Jeff Andrews and Ian Wilson who will be able to provide good all round business expertise and who both have experience of special needs schools issues.

It is always good to have some 'new blood' coming onto the governing board as it enables us all to look at matters through fresh eyes and keeps us reminded and focused on what governors are supposed to do - namely help and advise in the running of the school and most importantly, be good critical friends to the senior management team.

Best wishes
Lucie