

A Word from Mrs Blake, Headteacher

To all our lovely families,

It was lovely to see all of the children back at school this week. On Monday, the Y6 children started their three week course of swimming at the Life Centre. Miss Urquhart tells me that the children have really worked hard to do everything the instructors have asked and their behaviour has been exemplary. At the start of the week many children said they could not swim and they were not confident in water and, even after only five sessions, all children are happy to jump in and some will begin diving next week!

Our drop off and pick up arrangements are working well but please be reminded we are still social distancing so we are advising parents not to congregate near the school entrance at drop off and pick up times. Masks should still be worn at these times. Breakfast club is running and children may attend from 8am. We recently have children arriving earlier than this – please do not drop off before 8am as staff will not be ready to admit children onto site before this time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes

Mrs Blake

Sex and Relationships Education

As part of our PSHE learning, all year groups will be covering a unit titled 'Changing Me'. The content of this is taught at an age-appropriate level, but for some year groups may include lessons on: friends, families and relationships; the changes which occur during puberty, why they occur and how to deal with them; human reproduction within a loving, stable relationship; and the development and care of babies.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons, we would encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher so that they can discuss the content of this topic with you in more detail.

Goodbye!

On Wednesday we said goodbye to our lovely administrator, Ms Horgan, who left the school to take up a new role in the city. Ms Horgan has worked for the school for two years and she will be sorely missed. We are sure you will join with us in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Good Luck Vicki!



Staffing for next year

Below is a table showing the teachers and teaching assistants who will be working on each site and with which year group from next September.

Next week, we will share with you the teacher your child will be taught by. There will be some mixing of children within their year group. Please rest assured that we will do our best to keep friendship groups together wherever possible. If you would like to discuss this further, please talk to your child's current teacher.

Year Group	Site	Teachers	Support staff
Nursery	High Street	Laura Withey - Nursery Manager Carolyn Strathearn - Nursery Assistant Sarah Cleave - Nursery Assistant Lauren Hawnton - Nursery Assistant Sheena Nicol - Nursery Assistant	
Reception	High Street	Katie Brownjohn	Kev Rose Hannah Blair
Year One	High Street	Leea Jolly Will Westlake	Anita Toth Adriana Van Helfteren
Year Two	High Street	Sinead Leigh	Vikki Glattback
Year Three	High Street	Dani Pearse Rosanna Gilbert	Georgia Price Sally Edgar
Year Four	Millbay	Craig McGregor Jess Hunter (4 days) Miriam Bennett (1 day)	Adam Green Megan Williams
Year Five	Millbay	Ian Crowford Ashleigh Hedger (3 days) Miriam Bennett (2 days)	Lisa Atkinson Jan Harp
Year Six	Millbay	Joe Oddie Danielle Hill	Layla Stringer Emma Moxham Lotta Sampson-Stone
SEND	High Street and Millbay	SENCO - Charlotte Parry	
	High Street	Vicky Watts - SEND support and pastoral	
	Millbay	Martin Rogers - SEND support and pastoral	

You may notice that Miss Urquhart, Miss Merriman and Mrs Haddy are not part of the staff list for next year. Miss Urquhart will leave us for a new role in another school, Miss Merriman returns to her role at Goosewell School and Mrs Haddy returns to her role at Stuart Road. We are sure you join us in wishing them all the best.

Mrs Benford will return from maternity leave at some point in the year and be assigned a role on her return!



Federation News

Parent Information Meetings

Just before the half term break, Reach South held parent information meetings about the arrangements for our federation with Millbay Primary Academy. It was great to be able to articulate our plans for this federation and hear from parents regarding their thoughts, questions and concerns. One thing that we will be doing as a result of these meetings is to provide regular updates through this newsletter on all federation matters to ensure that you are as informed as soon as possible. As always, if you need any further clarification, please catch a staff member on the gate, or email primary@millbayacademy.org.

Further to this, a letter will be coming out to you on Monday from Mr C.Toye which will address the issues raised in these meetings and will also include feedback regarding the survey about Wrap Around Care.

Uniform Consultation

One question raised during the parent information meetings focused on school uniform. As you know, the decision was made to maintain both the High Street and the Millbay uniforms. This decision was about maintaining the identity of both schools within the federation and reducing the need for parents to have to buy new uniform. There is however a particular discrepancy in Years five and six: at High Street, children wear polo shirts or shirts and school jumpers whereas at Millbay children wear shirts and ties, with blazers being introduced in Year six. We want to canvas opinion from both pupils and parents about whether to maintain the current uniforms entirely or to align the High Street and Millbay uniforms by not introducing ties and blazers at Millbay in Years five and six. A decision will be made by next Thursday to ensure that no parents worry unnecessarily about items of uniform that they may (or may not) need to buy over the summer.

Dates for the rest of the Summer term

We are excited to publish the dates for a series of exciting events taking place over the coming weeks to bring our two school communities together.

- Thursday 17th June - New classes and teachers announced
- Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th June - onsite school tours for parents and children
- Sports Day - Friday 2nd July
- Class Swap - Wednesday 7th July
- Inset Day - Friday 9th July
- Garden Party - Wednesday 14th July
- Reserve Sports Day - Friday 16th July



Learning Heroes

Here are our learning heroes for this week. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Writers of the Week

Starfish – Ruby

Year 1 - Muhammad

Turtles – Aelaf

Stingrays – Angel

Eels - Antonia

Readers of the Week

Starfish – Rani

Year 1 - Lyric

Turtles – Aelaf, Sonny, Sara, Tayler, Tyler and Joyce

Stingrays – Eszlley and Angel

Eels – Aneta

Mathematician of the Week

Starfish – Christopher

Year 1 – Ilan

Turtles - Sara

Stingrays – Riley

Eels – Jacob



Secondary School Information





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Coombe Dean School

Dear Year 5 pupils and their parents / carers,

You are warmly invited to the Coombe Dean Open Morning on:

Tuesday 29th June 2021

The Open Morning allows families to experience Coombe Dean during a normal working day - with tours available from our existing pupils and senior members of staff - and with a closing address from myself.

Take a look at our booking page for further details, and if you wish to join the tour, be sure to secure your place by completing the form at the bottom...

<https://www.coombedean.co.uk/book/>

We hope to welcome you and look forward to showing you what makes us so special!

Kevin Dyke
Headteacher
Coombe Dean School



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Dates for your diary..... Up and coming events

Date	EYFS/KS1 KS2
Thursday 17th June	New classes and teachers announced
Friday 2nd July	End of year reports sent home Sports Day
5 th , 6 th , 12 th , 13 th July	Parents' Evenings – appointments will be allocated shortly

