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Amalgamation Update – June 2017

The Temporary Governing Body and the school staff have been working hard to ensure that the amalgamation and development of The Lanes Primary School is successful. We have been making lots of decisions about staffing, the budget and the class structure for next year. We are also developing a new website which we are aiming to get up and running for September.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support at this very busy (but exciting) time.

New Logo and Uniform



The new logo has now been agreed by the Temporary Governing Body (see above). We will be sharing this with the children this week and we are now ordering all the signage, reading diaries, stationery, etc.

The uniform is now available for you to purchase or order from either of the following suppliers:-

Morleys School Outfitters
116 118 Bramcote Avenue
Chilwell
Nottingham
NG9 4DR
Telephone 0115 9258046

TGR Embroidery
Unit 4
145 Attenborough Lane
Nottingham
NG9 6AA
Telephone: 07952192899

Tesco
Details to follow

You will need the following items (either with or without the new school logo):

Main Uniform

Blue Sweatshirts
Blue Cardigans
Blue Zip Up Fleeces
Blue Gingham Checked dresses- no logo on the dress
White Polo shirts (with or without blue logo)
Grey or Black trousers/shorts
Grey or Black skirts
Grey or Black Pinafore dresses
Black shoes

PE Kit

White T-Shirt (with or without blue logo)
Blue or Black Shorts
Plimsolls
Trainers
Jogging bottoms

Other items

Blue Book Bags (with small handle)
Blue Book bags (with shoulder strap)
Blue drawstring PE bags
Blue Legionnaire caps

We will also look at the possibility of children's waterproof coats in September 2017 but this has not yet been finalised. We will use the first year as a 'transition year' so that you can use up any old College House uniform rather than buying everything new.

Closing the old and Opening the new!

A small working party consisting of staff and governors are working to organise the events and celebrations towards the end of the year. Both Meadow Lane and College House need to officially close before the new school can open in September. We feel that this occasion needs to be marked in some way at both schools both for the local and school community.

The dates in the diary so far are:

- Friday 7th July. This will be an Open Day across both Meadow Lane and College House. Both schools will be open from 9.30am until 11.30am and then again from 2pm until 4pm. There will be a display in each hall of photographs, videos, and memories. **Please have a look to see if you have anything that you can send into school to add to the display!** Meadow Lane will be holding it's annual Picnic that evening to which you are all invited.
- Friday 21st July – On the last day of term we will be celebrating with the children with some sort of party. We will also hold an assembly in each building to formally say goodbye. This will be an event just for staff and children (and maybe some previous staff members!)
- Friday 15th September – potential date for the official opening of The Lanes Primary School.

We will send out further details of these events very soon.

New classes and Transition 2017

As you may be aware we are trialling a new system for transition from Reception to Year 5 (Year 6 transition is arranged with their new schools). This is based on a model that has been successful in other local schools and we are running it across our Family of schools this year. We are hoping that having the three whole days with their new class and teacher will enable the children to feel secure and ready for the start of the new academic year. The adults in the classes will be able to get to know their new children really well too.

The children will visit their new classes (and teachers) for three days from **Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July**. The children will need to be dropped off and picked up from the correct building as they will be in their new class all day and have lunch at the new site.

The new Reception children will be visiting at the same time for half day visits.

Current Reception children will move to Year 1 on the Meadow Lane site so will need to be dropped off at 8.50am and picked up at 3.20pm.

Current Year 1 children will move to the new build year 2 classrooms on the College House site. They can be dropped off at 8.50-9am and picked up from 3.20pm.

Current Year 2 children will move to the College House site and will need to be taken into the playground for 8.50am to line up with their new classes. They will need to be picked up at 3.30pm on the main playground.

Current year 3 – 5 children will stay on the College House site and will line up at the normal time but in their new classes. Going home arrangements will remain as they are now.

The Year 6 children who are going to Chilwell will be visiting there for the three days, Any Year 6 children not going to Chilwell should line up separately on the playground on these days and provision will be made for them in school.

We will be flexible with timings as we realise that this may take some getting used to. The teachers will be around at the end of each day if you want to come and have a chat, have a look at the classrooms, etc.

We are also holding some parents' meetings for key year groups:

- College House Reception parents to visit Meadow Lane on Tuesday 13th June at 2.30pm.
- Meadow Lane Year 1 and 2 parents to visit College House on Wednesday 14th June at 2.30 pm and at 6pm on Tuesday 11th July.

The children will find out which class they are in on **Wednesday 5th July** and will have an opportunity to meet their new classmates. A letter will come home for parents and carers that night.

Teaching staff

Reception	Mrs Darke	Miss Brown	Miss Buckley (new teacher)
Reception/Year 1	Miss Jowett		
Year 1	Mrs Roy and Mrs Johnston	Miss Zeisler	Mrs Tasker and Mrs Verey
Year 2	Mr Osborne and Miss Hodkin	Mrs Wignell	Miss Boyle (new teacher)
Year 3	Mr Wilkins	Miss Tewson	
Year 3/4	Miss Strickland and Mrs Brown		
Year 4	Mr Nunez	Miss Malone and Mrs Sherwin	
Year 5	Mrs Herbert	Ms Harris	Miss Culverhouse (new teacher)
Year 6	Mrs Baker	Mr White	Mrs Shanks and Mrs Ward

When allocating children to class groups, we aim to achieve the best possible structure of classes by using the following criteria:

- A balance of boys and girls
- A range of abilities
- Appropriate allocation of children with specific learning needs
- A balance of children from a behavioural perspective
- At least one of their friends is in their class

The staff spend a long time discussing the classes and do everything they can to ensure that the children will be happy. As so much thought and preparation goes into the decisions that are made we would appreciate your support in preparing your children for the changes in a positive way.

When we allocate children to a class we give very careful consideration to ensuring that there is an equal mix of ability in all classes. The academic achievement and wellbeing of our pupils is at the heart of any decisions that we make. The teachers have high expectations of all our children and the learning objectives for the Year groups are the same regardless of which class children are in. In every class there is a wide range of ability and we differentiate our teaching according to the needs of individual children. Our results are consistently excellent and we really do encourage the children to be the best they can be.

Thank you for your support with this – more information will follow throughout the term.

Mrs J Revill
Executive Head Teacher