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Headteacher Update – July 2019

Merci, Madame Colin!



As mentioned in my previous correspondence, **Madame Colin** will be officially leaving Lord Deramore's tomorrow. We are all very grateful for Kristell's commitment and dedication over the years and wish her well for the future. **Mrs Diane Martin** will be covering teacher release time from September, teaching one hour of music per week in Years 2-6. Governors are exploring different options regarding our foreign language provision in the new term.

Year 2 Maternity Cover Appointment

We received twenty-two applications for our recently advertised maternity cover post for Miss McCormack. Following a robust recruitment process, we appointed **Mrs Amy Holden**. Amy has over twelve years of teaching experience, having been an Early Years and Key Stage 1 specialist and a Special Educational Needs coordinator. She seems an extremely friendly and child-centred practitioner and we look forward to her working with us all in September before she takes over from Miss McCormack on 12th October, working alongside Mrs McKenna in Year 2.



Outdoor Updates

Over the summer holidays, Kier Construction (the company who built our school) are returning to carry out resurfacing work on the playground. We are also developing the area next to the junior classroom entrances, with seven raised allotment beds being installed so each class can grow their own produce / plant life next academic year.

Good news!



We have **received nearly £10,000** from the National Lottery Community Fund to construct an outdoor classroom gazebo on the school playground. This will be installed next to the artificial grass area and will be able to house a full class. Thank you to our business manager, Ms Sam Willsden, who put the bid together.

Year 6 Leavers' Movie 2019

This week, I have had the privilege of working with our current Year 6 children during the school's transition days. We have put together a short leavers' movie which will be shared online via Twitter and Facebook after its 'premiers' tomorrow afternoon at the leavers' assembly. We will all be very sad to see Year 6 leave us tomorrow. They truly are an amazing group of children who are a real credit to both their families and the staff of Lord Deramore's.

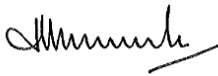
As we break up for the summer, please can I thank every member of our school community for their support, encouragement and hard work during the past year. We are so lucky to have such a special community here at Lord Deramore's and I am personally very honoured and grateful to work with such talented colleagues, governors, families and children.

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to send 'thank you' emails, cards and gifts to colleagues and I. Whilst they are certainly not expected, they are very kind of you.

To those families who are sadly leaving us – please keep in touch and remember that you will always remain a member of the Lord D's community.

Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming families – both new and old - on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Rourke', with a horizontal line underneath.

James Rourke
Headteacher