

Summer School 2011

Dear Parents,

We have had a very enjoyable and successful Summer School and I would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who has participated and contributed to the programme - children, parents and staff! We have welcomed many new children to our school this summer and it has been a pleasure to witness their confidence growing, new friendships developing and enthusiasm for learning flourishing. The topic 'Extreme Weather' has been an effective one; it has initiated not only new knowledge and understanding about our world but also some extremely exciting imaginative play that has inspired very purposeful and energetic playtimes and activities!



July is a time for us to focus on preparations for next academic year and every July we take the opportunity to make important improvements to our school. This year is no different, our campus will be closed during the month of July, although I hasten to add, the office will remain open throughout and Fast ForWord will continue as planned!

We will be doing the following school improvements during the summer:

New Sports Field: A fenced, multi purpose sports field for mini football, volleyball, softball, track etc. will be built in the car park and adjacent to our Vegetable Garden. This will enable us to extend our physical education programme and after school clubs and to teach the full breadth of study for physical education which includes; dance, games, gymnastics, and swimming, and athletics at key stage 2.



Computer Lab/ICT Suite: In order to continue improving our children's skills in using ICT as a tool for learning we will be extending our present Lab and increasing the number of computers to 15. This will facilitate whole class teaching and support the introduction of a new ICT scheme of work in August 2011.

School Garden: In January we installed Playtop Playground Surfacing, a great success, this was part of a two-stage plan to improve the school grounds, which have suffered significantly from flooding this year. The second stage is to raise the school garden, raise play equipment, install a new drainage system and new grass. This will inevitably be a messy process and we apologise in advance to any visitors to the school during this period! A third stage is planned for the future and

Playtop Playground Surfacing will be installed on the bike path - we will keep you informed of this development.

School Library: Throughout the summer, work will continue on our rather unorthodox and refreshed School Library, located on the same floor as the school office. In addition to relocating our library we have purchased a library system, Junior Librarian. Junior Librarian provides a sophisticated management tool as well as an easy to use tool for children that makes issuing and returning books, writing book reviews and searching for resources and information an independent and enjoyable experience for all our children and staff. Access to Junior Librarian is hosted over the internet anywhere in school and outside, and brings our library to the heart of every home and classroom! We looked forward to introducing the children to Junior Librarian in August.



Wishing you all a very happy Summer Holiday!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Monica Sudhirak".

Monica Sudhirak

