

## Message from the Director of Education



Dear Parents,

After a fairly mixed start to the year, welcome to our first edition of the Meadowbrook Parent Comms 2018.

Obviously, this first bulletin is dominated by

the news of the Pre Primary closure at the end of this term. After losing our long fight to relocate the Pre Primary back to the mother ship it is certainly a sad beginning to the year. I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and the tremendous support shown to Barbara and her team news since this news was announced.

Frustratingly, the planning decision means that the future of the Pre Primary is now decided and to ensure that the new model stands the strongest possible chance of starting the new academic year at full capacity, plans *must* begin immediately. There is much to be done behind the scenes, in terms of preparation. Changes to paperwork, regulation, ratio and EY practice reviews for Reception and a whole host of other tweaks and amendments to be completed.

A professional liaison with the new Tiggywinkles Pre School will ensure that those registered for Meadowbrook 2018 maintain important links and a connection to the school will be fostered through visits and visiting staff. We plan to establish similar links with some other nursery schools who may also wish to benefit from the grounds that we have and the new Forest School Workshops we plan to provide.

In the meantime, I understand that some of you will have begun the process of looking for alternative education and if we can be of any help, please let us know. Sadly, one alternative, Hurst Lodge (a well established school up to secondary age in Ascot) has also closed its doors at short notice and announced a merger with Hawley Place in Camberley. If you would like us to recommend other Early Years settings please don't hesitate to ask.

In terms of registering for Reception places, the school now has new Registration forms which are available from both sites and we will be running a waitlist system based on first come first served, yet with selection criteria in the event of over subscription. Lists have already been created for 2018-2020 and even at this stage, there are

only 4 Reception places left for 2019. Please ask the office for a Registration Form if required.

Best wishes for now.

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The Planning Application for the new Sports Pavilion on the Malt Hill site has begun with new drawings commissioned to meet the requirements set by the flood risk department. We will of course keep you informed of progress. In the meantime, we press ahead with the construction of a mezzanine area and other minor changes that will make a big difference to the use of space at Primary.

## REMINDERS THIS WEEK @

### M'BK...

**FoMM: Coffee morning planned for tomorrow postponed. Look out for next FoMM Comms.**

**Primary Jungle Gym OUT OF BOUNDS as we have found some splintering which needs to be rectified.**