



Welcome to the New Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm, if not slightly belated welcome back to the Autumn Term at Jacobstow. As I am sure you will appreciate, ordinarily, the Headteacher would be the person writing to you all, at this time, but sadly Mrs Rofe continues to be absent from school. I felt it was important to communicate with you regarding the day-to-day leadership at the school moving forward as some of you have raised questions.

First of all, the children have all returned to school and their new classes and have quickly settled. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined our Jacobstow family this academic year.

Sadly, due to the absence of Mrs Rofe she has been unable to provide the usual levels of communication and thank you to those of you who have raised this with us.

What Has Been Happening In School

We have been delighted to welcome our new teacher, Miss McCarten, to the Jacobstow family and she has been enjoying getting to know her new class and so, on her behalf, thank you for making her feel so welcome.





We are also delighted to share that new PE provision which has already started; the children are really buzzing about it and have been really keen to tell me about when I have been in their classes and on the playground. Saturn class have been enhancing their throwing skills and challenging themselves to throw further and will more accuracy. They have loved being on the field to do this.

Mercury class have been using their number knowledge and reviewing place value. They liked using different resources to do this.



Little Stars have been working hard and learning about their emotions. They have been using Emotion Monsters and making their own to put up in their classroom. They have been putting their fine motor skills to good use to do this, working hard on their cutting skills.



You may be left wondering what is happening in Mrs Rofe's absence? What will happen in school? What will the impact be on my child?



As Mrs Rofe continues to be absent Miss Garside (Education Director), who is an experienced Headteacher, will be coming to support the children and staff until Mrs Rofe is back in school. As you can appreciate, it would be inappropriate to share information and details about Mrs Rofe, thank you for understanding this. I know that you will join me in sending Mrs Rofe your best wishes and will look forward to seeing her when she returns.

As with Mrs Rofe, Miss Garside will be leading on safeguarding and SEND, and the school will continue to benefit from working with the other schools and experts in our family.

Why Have Breakfast and After School Clubs been stopped? What is Happening?

First of all, we apologise that this was communicated on a Friday with very little notice for parents to make arrangements.

Miss Garside will work urgently on this and keep you updated. Miss Garside has already ensured that after-school clubs' provision will happen. There will be a separate letter communicating when they will be on and how children access them.

Miss Garside will introduce herself this week and will continue to support the school until Mrs Rofe returns. She looks forward to meeting you all at the gate at the end of the day and at the various coffee mornings and open classrooms that she is currently organising. All things that Mrs Rofe would have been doing at the start of a new year.

Kind regards,



Tracey Cleverly - Trust Lead