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Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April,

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to welcome you all back after the holiday – I hope you had a great time and enjoyed some well-earned down time. As there are only 10 school days in April this year, there won't be a full newsletter this month. However, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a few important updates as we return to school for the Summer term.

### Staffing

In the final week of the Spring term, both Mr Atkinson and Mrs Corrin were appointed as permanent Assistant Headteachers, following successful spells in the interim roles since September. Many congratulations to them both – this means that the permanent Senior Leadership Team within school is now secured to support the further growth in pupil numbers over the next 4 years.

I am also very pleased to inform you that Mrs Hadabora was successfully appointed in a class teacher role on the very last day of term. This permanent position will start in September 2019, although she will be returning from her student placement on 30<sup>th</sup> April to complete her teacher training in charge of Y2 Freedman. This will also be when Mrs Huckerby returns to teach Y1 Potter and Mrs Taylor returns to her HLTA duties – a huge thank you to them both for covering Mrs Hadabora's absence.

Speaking of Mrs Huckerby, I have some lovely news to share with you, which is that she and Mr Huckerby are expecting their first baby! I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them both! Mrs Huckerby is planning on working up until the end of the Summer term. Mrs Sarah Mather (who has been training to teach with us since September 2018) has been appointed to cover Mrs Huckerby's maternity leave from September 2019.

In other staffing news, three of our support staff team – Miss Castle, Miss Grant and Mrs Campbell – have successfully applied for and been accepted onto teacher training courses starting in September 2019. They will complete two of their three teaching placements at Totley next year, which is great for the school. However, it does mean that we will need to look carefully at how their current roles will be covered next year, which will lead to further recruitment being required soon. As soon as we



have all the pieces of the jigsaw in place, we will be able to confirm details of the full staffing structure for 2019-20 and share this with parents and children.

### PTA News

The PTA have various events planned for the summer term, including the return of the Fabulous Summer Fun Day, the Duck Race and of course the transition Disco....doesn't the time fly!

Yesterday's Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Although it was a bit chilly, Amy's bacon sandwiches and hot drinks on sale helped us through the unexpected hail storm! With over 1000 sticks hidden around the school grounds, the children were kept well occupied and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the chocolate rewards at the end. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all those who helped out on the day. Our recent Spring discos were also very successful and raised over £850! Many thanks to all who gave up their time and effort to support on the day. Meanwhile, the new playground markings on the junior playground have been installed over the school holidays and look brilliant! The school council are especially pleased as they worked with the design company to select the style and position of the markings and would like to say a special thank you to the PTA for their contribution towards the cost.

In other news, this month's lottery winners were Rachel Barlow, Rich Crossland, Chris Atkinson and Anita Huckerby!

### Easter Events

It promises to be a fun-filled first week back at school with our Easter services taking place, along with Topley traditions such as the egg decorating and egg rolling competitions. Here is a reminder of the arrangements once again:

#### **Easter Celebrations – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

This year we will hold three celebrations in order to try to ensure parents and children have a better view of the performances. Our Y3, 4, 5 and 6 service will start at 9.30am and the Y1 and Y2 service will start at 10.45am. Both services will be held at **Topley All Saints Church** on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please feel free to come along and join in our services! We will have our FS2 Easter celebration in our **school hall** on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am.

#### **Egg Decorating Competition – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

This annual favourite will start week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Children from all our classes are invited to bring a decorated egg to show off in the main entrance. This could be a single egg turned into a character or an egg scene in a shoe box with several eggs representing an idea – possibly with some sort of 'eggcellent' pun. Our team of judges will cast their votes on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April with the winners announced on the last day of the week (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>) in our special assembly. **Please make sure all entries are at school by 8.50 am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.**

#### **Egg Rolling Competition – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Finally, the big one! All our children are invited to bring a **hard-boiled egg** into school and enter our prestigious egg rolling competition! Heats will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The furthest 3 rollers from each class will enter the whole school final which will be held on the week before the Easter weekend (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April).

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support,



Ben Paxman