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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday. The new school is still on schedule for completion in the summer, and it is becoming possible for observers to see the outline shape of the school. Meanwhile, there are a number of items of information regarding the remainder of this term.

1. Staffing Matters

Mr. Troy and Mrs. Slattery have now left the school, Mrs. Harvey is still not well, and Mrs. Taylor who supports teachers in the early years classes is also ill, and likely to be off school for some time. This is obviously a concern, and I am grateful to parents for their patience and understanding. We have currently arranged for Class 1 to be taught by Ms Ramzan, and the Reception Class by Ms Robertson (with Mr. Costello.) We have also arranged cover for Mrs. Taylor until half term should that prove to be necessary.

Interviews are also scheduled for next Monday when we hope to be able to appoint a teacher for the rest of the year in the Reception Class.

On a more positive note, Ms Kauser has started to work with Miss Nicholas in Class 2 as part of the Graduate Teacher Programme and Ms Tankard has begun her post as a Learning Mentor.

Two trainee teachers are also due to begin teaching practices in classes 4 and 6.

2. Diary Dates for this term

February 2nd and 3rd Eid
February 16th to the 20th Half-term
March 31st Governors Meeting
April 1st Easter Assembly 1.30pm
April 2nd School closed Teacher Training Day
April 5th to the 16th Easter Holidays
April 19th School re-opens for the Summer Term

3. Early Notification

Following a decision of the governors last term, the Friday 30th April Teacher Training Day has been rescheduled to Monday 19th July. This means that the school will be open to children on April 30th, and that the end of the Summer Term will be Friday 16th July 2004.

4. After School Clubs

These began this week with funding secured from the New Opportunities Fund. Can parents note that there is a waiting list for all clubs, and if children do not attend regularly, their places will be given to other children.