



**Head Teacher**

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Dear Families,

I am writing to give you some updates about MPA and the future planning for the school. I feel that is important to be open and honest. The best thing about a small school are the relationships we build. However, the hardest part of a small school with an allocated pupil number of 20 per year, is the class organisation year on year.

**Class Structure 2022 - 2023**

The plan for next year is:

**Small Blues** will be Reception and Year 1.

**Holly Blues** will be Year 1 and Year 2.

**Adonis Blues** will be Year 3 only.

**Chalk Hill Blues** will be Year 4 and Year 5.

**Silver Studded Blues** will be Year 6 only.

I cannot confirm the teaching teams yet, but I will do this next half term.

**Expansion Plans**

The school has been awarded approx. £730,000 to develop the facilities that we have at MPA. Our school is breaking the local trend by our numbers growing due to in year applications. This is great for our school but there needs to be a sustainable plan to accommodate the additional children. Currently, there is a feasibility study taking place to see what the school needs most. I have no power in these decisions this is decided by the local authority in consultation with the school and REACH2. We should get some notifications next half term. There is also a possibility there could be further expansion so that we become a one form entry school (30 per year group).

I personally think that this is very exciting and would be great for the school community. It would certainly make yearly transition smooth. At this point I have no additional information but will share once I know more.

**Field**

Currently we have had to stop work on the development of the field due to the planned expansion of the school.

Mrs Hazelton has worked so hard to get us some community funding and we have lots of equipment to use with the children when we are able to create the sensory garden. This is on hold, but I am sure that this will be a great project once complete.

### **Our School**

At MPA we strive to be a great school where children flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe for a small school we offer the children a lot of exceptional learning opportunities. This is very important and my main driver for doing the job I love. Next year we will be preparing for our next OFSTED visit. We are a small school with a big heart, and we will continue to have the children at the centre of what we do.

### **Uniform**

Year 6 at MPA wear purple jumpers and this has been a huge success this year. This has enabled the Year 6 children to have a real sense of responsibility. The younger children know who to go to help if they need it. This is a non-negotiable and part of the school uniform. Parents have asked for the blue jumpers to be made by the same company as the quality is so much better. We are currently investigating this.

### **Forest School at MPA**

Due to the area around the school expanding the Forest School area is not the most exciting provision for the children. A lot of natural hedges / bushes have been cleared. This has meant that the area is rather exposed and not providing a natural forestry area for the children. We are currently looking at the children from Year 1 to Year 6 having a day of Forest School in a more suitable setting from next year. We will keep you updated.

### **Vacancies at MPA**

We will have a short-term vacancy for an LSA to support with Upper Key Stage Two from 10 June. This is because Mr Evans is leaving the school and going to support young people in Camp Canada. The job would be all day on a Monday and 8.30am to 12.00 noon the rest of the week. If you are interested, then please speak to Miss Churchman in the first instance.

As always thank you for your support and being champions of our school. We have come along way together. We are MPA and we are proud.

Many thanks

Miss E Churchman

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