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Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

I can hardly believe that I am now entering my final term as a teacher, after 35 years working in special schools—25 of those here in Worcestershire. It has been a real pleasure and privilege, and I have enjoyed every minute. I am certainly going to make the most of the time I have left.

The children have settled back into their routines quickly and seem very happy to be back at school. It's been lovely to see.

We have also heard that Vanessa, now Headteacher at Backmarston Special School in Hereford, has had a positive start in her new role. We wish her every success.

New transport arrangements

We are very pleased with how the new transport arrangements have settled so far. Drivers have adapted well to the new schedules, and the car park already feels more organised and less crowded.

We do recognise that some children now have longer journeys. If you have any concerns about this, please do let us know—we are also monitoring this closely in school.

To help keep everyone safe, if you are driving onto the site to collect your child, please keep the process as brief as possible. If you have a lot to discuss with staff, we kindly ask that you arrange a phone call, send an email, or write in the school diary so that conversations can continue more comfortably.

If you are walking on site, please ensure you cross the car park using the zebra crossing only. We have seen a few near misses and want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Hydro pool update

I am pleased to share that the steel supports and fixing brackets for the new hoist have now been fabricated and delivered. The installation is planned to take place between **Wednesday 22nd April and Friday 24th April**. It then needs to be inspected by our insurers on Monday 27th. Unfortunately, the pool will be closed to all users during this time.

Finally, we hope to see you at Sports Day later this term. I will be looking for some enthusiastic parent participation — so if you have a child in Key Stage 2, please bring your running shoes!

With best wishes,



Ed Francis
Headteacher

