



16th September 2011

Dear Parents

I am sure that you have received an avalanche of communications from us in the opening weeks of term, so I shall re-double my efforts to keep this letter brief and snappy.

I wanted you to be aware that Richard Beach, the Director of ICT, informed me as term started that he has decided to relocate with his family to Nottinghamshire at Christmas. Richard has played a very significant role during his five years with us in developing our IT infrastructure and our commitment to the use and application of IT across every subject area. The extraordinary level of IT resources in every classroom in the school is testament to his leadership and vision, and here and in his role as Head of Middle School I am extremely grateful to Richard for all he has done for us. The process has begun to put in place a succession plan and I will share the outcome of that with you in due course.

Your children appear to have made a super start to the new term, and they are an absolute delight to be with. Some, of course, remain in summer uniform and we have decided that they may do so until September 30th. All pupils should be in winter uniform from October 1st, which is Open Morning for children in Years 5 to 8. Until then and beyond any child in winter dress must wear their blazer to and from school every day, and smart black shoes are de rigueur. Whilst on matters of appearance can I encourage you to return your sons on Monday with hair smartly and crisply cut over the weekend where this is clearly an issue! Thank you for your support on these matters.

Shelley Guest, my Deputy Head, will write to you shortly via the newsletter to explain the arrangement for Open Morning. However I should flag up now that we do ask that all children in Years 5 to 8 support this important occasion by coming into school to take part in the activities and serve as tour guides. Thank you again for your support.

Sue and I were delighted so many new parents in the main school were able to join us for drinks on Thursday evening for what was a very happy and convivial evening. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 2 parents to our annual Junior Department presentation evening with dinner to follow on Tuesday 20th September. A number of colleagues from Calvi, the Junior Department and higher up the school will be helping us to host the occasion, and we are all looking forward to greeting our Year 2 parents in the Performing arts Centre at 7.00pm.

A busy Saturday of sport lies ahead, and we hope to see lots of you on the touchlines. Have a very good weekend when it comes.

With best wishes,
Yours,