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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are over half way through our first half term of the academic year. Time is flying and the children have settled back into their new school year amazingly well. Of course there have been some challenges, but together we have got through these.

This newsletter is simply to update you on events this week.

Get well soon, Ms Davidson!

The first and most important thing to mention is that Tuesday 5th October will be Ms Davidson's last day with us, until the middle of November. She was due to have an operation last year, however due to Covid, this has been cancelled on several occasions. She has recently been given her new date (8.10.21), therefore she leaves us tomorrow (5.10.21) to begin isolating, ahead of her operation on Friday. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her being back with us, just before the Christmas madness begins! Get well soon, Ms Davidson! ©

In Ms Davidson's absence...

With this in mind, I am asking for your full support, as we move forward. Ms Davidson is an exceptionally knowledgeable and powerful woman (and at times a bit scary!) I am a brand new Head and although this is my 11th year at Red Hall, there are many things I do not know... YET! I am learning and now, I will need to learn quickly. It is my aim to continue to be on different yards at drop off and collection times, so I get to see parents and carers as much as possible. Please come over and say, "Hi" if we have not had the opportunity to meet properly!

I feel excited as well as a little overwhelmed! Those of you who know me, know I listen and do as much as possible for the children and parents at Red Hall - the biggest thing so far, being that I came back to work 10 weeks after having my little girl to support the children, staff and parents, as much as possible, as Ms Davidson's operation was originally planned for this time! I do believe my little girl (Georgia) resents me for this and punishes me by STILL not sleeping through the night! If anyone has any tips on how to get a 17-month-old to sleep through, please share them with me! \odot

Jokes aside, if you do need to discuss anything, I am here for you, our Red Hall team are here for you. We are very lucky to have a staff team who go above and beyond on a daily basis and who work as hard as they do. I am hoping we can make the next few weeks (and beyond!!) amazing. Please, please work with us.

So, what better way to begin my time 'in charge' than with a VERY special lunch and a party day?! $\hfill \odot$

Thursday 7th October

(The party day is taking place on Thursday, as children already have PE on Wednesday)

- All children will need to come to school wearing (ideally) their Red Hall PE kit, but if not, plain black / grey bottoms and a plain T-shirt.
 - Lunch that day will be... My FAVOURITE... CHICKEN PARMO, PIZZA, CHIPS AND GARLIC MAYO!!
 - Children will take part in dodgeball tournaments, interactive PE games using our new iWall and a 'surprise' activity, which will be... delicious! Children will find out more on Thursday.

Our cooks will be also doing a 'picnic' style lunch on Friday, as we cling on to the last of Summer!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Miss Snowdon



