

PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we draw near to the end of Term 1, I want to say how very proud I am of your children! Since returning to school in September, the pupils at school have coped with the changes that we have had to make very well. Despite some colds and seasonal illness, attendance at school is excellent overall.

The school staff have also had to adapt to the changes, and I would like to express my grateful thanks to them for working so hard, finding creative solutions to deliver exciting learning and keep everyone as safe as possible.

### Deputy Head Appointments

Please see an email from the Chair of the Directors of the Propeller Academy Trust, Gay Campbell:

*I am delighted to announce that following a successful recruitment process for the Deputy Head role at Fitzwaryn, the Propeller Academy Trust Board has approved the appointment of both Chris Slatter and Tracy Gardiner.*

*Both appointments will be full time roles with distinct responsibilities and there will be some adjustments to current role structures in the leadership team to ensure clear alignment, transparency and strength in the operating model. Mrs Coneboy is working through the detail to ensure there is clarity for staff, parents, pupils and those involved in governance. The decision to appoint both candidates reflects the strengths that each will bring to the school in their new role and the opportunity to build on the outstanding provision for pupils at Fitzwaryn and more broadly in the future of Propeller Academy Trust.*

*The appointments will take effect from January 2021 and it is important to reiterate our sincere thanks to Jane Edwards, as she approaches her retirement, for the fantastic contribution she has made at Fitzwaryn.*

*I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tracy and Chris on their successful applications and support them as we move forwards.*



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### **Classes after half term**

The teaching staff have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition for those pupils who are moving to a new class.

The school office will notify you today which class your child will be in.

### **Staffing**

We have been interviewing for Teaching Assistants this week so once we have secured the posts, I will let you know the staff teams in your child's class.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Gillian Moorby. Gillian has worked in the school for 10 years and is going to take up a new job with the police, a role that I am sure she will be fantastic at! We will all miss Gillian but wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

### **Parent Teacher consultations**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to send any parent consultation requests into school.

### **COVID 19 – advice regarding ventilation of rooms**

We are following the advice for schools regarding the ventilation of rooms – we are hoping to be able to keep the rooms well ventilated as much as we can for as long as possible. To help us keep your child warm, please send them in dressed in plenty of layers! We will of course keep this under review and let you know of any changes.

### **FitzKids**

Thank you to Mrs Taylor and her team for organising yet another couple of fun packed days in the holidays.

### **Use of mobile phones whilst in the car park**

We have noticed that a small number of parents are using their mobile phones (not hands free) whilst engines are running or driving in, around and out of the car park. Please can I remind you that it is an offence to use handheld mobile phones whilst driving or whilst the engine is turned on.

### **London Marathon**

Last week pupils took part in the mini marathon organised by London Marathon. The Student Centre mapped out and measured the course, made a start/finish line and made each class a race pack including bib numbers. The event showed great community spirit and encouragement as the students cheered and helped each other on. Classes came out into their gardens to spectate and clap. Students showed great determination and perseverance by continuing to run even in heavy rain!

Parents, carers and grandparents kindly sponsored the runners and the Student Centre made a donation to the London Marathon charity which this year is Mencap.

Over £100 was fundraised. Thank you to all that supported and well done to all the runners!



The school breaks up for half term on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** and as things stand at the moment, we all return on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November!**

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy  
Headteacher