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Dear Parents/Carers

Head Teacher's Report
October 2009

We are changing our Newsletter format. Instead of producing the full newsletters half-termly we will now publish news updates every half-term and a full newsletter at the end of each term. This will cut down on paper and resources in line with our sustainability policy.

You will be able to keep up to date on our news via our new website which we will launch next half-term!

The start of term in September went very smoothly with several new staff and pupils. We welcomed Nicola Coshall, a new teacher in Key Stage 3, along with new support staff – Tabitha Burgess (Key Stage 4), Tom Rogers (Key Stage 3), Alice Terry (Early Years) and more recently Craig McKay (Key Stage 5), Nathan Belgrave (Key Stage 3), Suzanne Howe (Key Stage 2) and Anna May (Key Stage 2). We also welcomed back Lorraine Aston part time to teach Maths in Key Stage 3.

Late in September we were visited by 10 Head Teachers from Hertfordshire special schools; they were at a conference in Windsor and were aware of our good work and requested a visit. They were all extremely impressed with everything they observed.

On October 2nd we held our Open Day. The school and its environment all looked wonderful with fantastic themed displays, informative areas and neat and tidy garden areas. All feedback was extremely complimentary.

Both Primary and Secondary departments held their annual Harvest Festivals donating the vast array of foodstuffs to the local charity 'F.A.I.T.H.'.

Parents have also been invited to Open Evenings in the Primary and Secondary departments. Both evenings were very informative.

Finally I am delighted to inform you all that after a day of intensive interviews, presentations and discussions Sara Barham has been appointed to the permanent Deputy Head Teacher post. In addition Andrew Brown has been internally promoted to become the new school Business Manager. Congratulations to them both.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Headland
Head Teacher