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Website and ICT Upgrading

We are in the process of changing our website maintenance contract. Previously Schools ICT at North Yorkshire County Council hosted the site; however it was maintained by a private company. Having assessed the situation we have decided to move entirely to Schools ICT services. This represents both better value and an improved level of service, which should in turn lead to a more dynamic and informative site. I'm sure you will appreciate that there will be both teething problems and a period of inactivity (we anticipate 3/4 weeks) while the site is modified, please bear with us during this transition.

The children and staff are delighted that we now have a new wireless system in school which is fully up and running. The old system was installed just as the practical possibility of wireless provision in schools was emerging and as a result was slow and unreliable. It's now fast and fit for purpose.

Parental Communication

I have listened carefully to your views on the information we provide that enables you all to support your child's learning at home. To enhance this you will shortly be receiving (either by email or in hard copy according to your preference) a booklet that summarises the **end of year** expectations in reading, writing and maths. Please remember that these are a summary of the 'non-negotiables' and not the curriculum in its entirety.

Additionally, we will be trialling a system where each class teacher (Classes 2 to 6 inclusive – Class 1 will continue to provide information as they currently do i.e. within class for parents to see as you drop off your children) will provide a brief weekly overview to parents and carers covering planned learning in the class for the week ahead. This will help you to support your children's learning and enhance our home – school partnership. More details will be released as the communications launch (intended to be week beginning 5th October). A key point to remember is that good teaching is flexible and consequently develops over the course of a school week, therefore teachers may well deviate from, and/or adapt significantly, the published plan.

Yours sincerely,

David Barber
HEADTEACHER

