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Dear Parents/ Carers

There have been a number of positive developments that have happened throughout the half term break that I would like to share with you. Firstly the Early Years' outdoor area has been transformed with new learning sheds, a mud kitchen, patio area and a stage area. Already the children are accessing the areas and are really enjoying learning in these creative spaces. The other development which has just been completed is a tented outside classroom/ reflection space. This will be used for storytelling, reflection time and a quieter space for children during break and lunch times. This will be officially opened on Monday and I know that the children are desperate to be able to use it. We will be sharing images of these via Facebook, Twitter and Class Dojo on Monday.

As a governing body we have made the decision that I will begin working with Witton-le-Wear Primary School for 2½ days per week as their Shared Head Teacher for five terms. In a similar way to how I have supported schools in the past, the role will run alongside my work here at Staindrop. When this begins in January, Mrs Harland (Acting Deputy Head Teacher) will be deputising for me. Working in this way allows the school to continue to function extremely effectively; keeping class sizes small, adult support at an optimum level and allows investment in high quality resources for all of the children. Over the last few years, we have regularly supported other schools in this way, so we are confident that school will continue to operate as smoothly as usual.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

S. Whelerton

Mr Whelerton

Head Teacher

