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Another school year has begun smoothly after a busy summer holiday – the builders have been in to re-locate our staff room to another room in school and re-develop our old staff room as our new computer suite. Hopefully all the work should have been completed during the holidays (oh for a perfect world!) but the builders were late starting which meant that the electricians were delayed which meant the computer team couldn't get in. By the time you read this all should have been finalised.

There have been some changes in personnel too. Emma Smith has joined us as our Nursery Teacher and is settling in well. Judith White has moved from the Nursery class to teach year 2, whilst Kathy Saxby has moved from Year 2 to Year 4. Rachel Stratford who, very ably, filled a temporary position until the summer is now working in school as our Special Needs teacher. The school is presently organised in year groups with a maximum class size of 28 at the moment.

The summer holidays also saw extended use of the swimming pool despite the demise of the boiler on the very first day of the holidays. It has been replaced by a new one costing £3,500! As well as the Family Swimming Club there were sessions for children only, and we are planning to extend this next summer.

Last year's Year 6 children are now settling in at Burford school – who should benefit from their presence – and we wish them all the best in the next, exciting phase of their education.

At present a lot of Year 6 and some Year 5 children are wondering whether the fuel crisis will prevent them travelling to Kilvrough Manor in South Wales for a residential week. We certainly hope it doesn't.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues – teaching and non-teaching – for all their hard work which makes Wychwood School the school it is. Also to thank School Governors for all their work 'behind the scenes' on behalf of our school, and to all those parents who give their time and energy to work in school on a voluntary basis and/or support the PTA in its magnificent fund-raising roll.

Together we hope and plan that the forthcoming school year will provide a secure and (occasionally) exciting framework for our children to progress and develop their individual talents.

Geoff Padmore.