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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Name Changes

Our Diversity Council have been working hard behind the scenes over the last two terms to agree and implement our new class names. As part of Science Week, we were delighted to announce these to the children. Each class then spent the day finding out about their namesake and their achievements and contributions to society. This marks an exciting new chapter in our school history!

The process has been carefully considered and has involved the children at every stage. We initially sought the views of our stakeholders – children, parents, governors and members of the community – and asked for suggestions for names that would be suitable. We had an overwhelmingly positive response with over 130 suggestions for names. Diversity Council then created a shortlist based on the following criteria:

- Does the person embody our school values?
- Does the person fit our school theme and culture of 'discovery'?
- Do we have good representation amongst our class names so that the messages of 'everyone is welcome here' and 'everyone can be the best they can be' are clear?
- Are the names fitting to our school's history, traditions, curriculum and context?

We then asked classes for preferences and allocated our names before presenting our proposals to the school's senior leadership team to be ratified.

We are delighted to announce that some of our class names will **be changing after the Easter break**, as follows:

Reception	Einstein Class Named after the physicist, Albert Einstein	Newton Class Named after the mathematician, physicist and astronomer, Isaac Newton	Jenner Class Named after the physician and scientist, Edward Jenner
Year 1	Darwin Class	Goodall Class	Earhart Class
	Named after the	Named after the	(previously Faraday Class)
	evolutionary biologist,	primatologist, Jane	Named after the aviation
	Charles Darwin	Goodall	pioneer, Amelia Earhart













Year 2	Edison Class	Gilbert Class	Attenborough Class
	Named after the scientist	(previously Bell Class)	Named after the biologist
	and inventor, Thomas	Named after the biological	and natural historian,
	Edison	scientist Professor, Sarah Gilbert	David Attenborough
Year 3	Curie Class	Nightingale Class	Seacole Class
	Named after the Physicist,	Named after the nurse,	(previously Pasteur Class)
	chemist, & 2 times Nobel prize winner, Marie Curie	Florence Nightingale	Named after the nurse, Mary Seacole
Year 4	Berners-Lee Class	Jemison Class	Thunberg Class
	Named after computer scientist and inventor of	(previously Archimedes Class)	(previously Hubble Class) Named after the
	the world wide web, Tim	Named after the engineer	environmental activist,
	Berners Lee	and astronaut, Mae	Greta Thunberg
		Jemison	
Year 5	Hawking Class	Jackson Class	Johnson Class
	Named after the physicist	(previously Dyson Class)	(previously Armstrong
	and cosmologist, Stephen	Named after the	Class)
	Hawking	mathematician and	Named after the
		aerospace engineer, Mary	mathematician and NASA
		Jackson	computer scientist,
			Katherine Johnson
Year 6	Winston Class	Galileo Class	Turing Class
	Named after the doctor	Named after the	(previously Peake Class)
	and scientist, Professor	astronomer, physicist and	Named after the
	Robert Winston	engineer, Galileo Galilei	mathematician and
			computer scientist, Alan
			Turing

The children have shown wisdom and cultural intelligence beyond their years throughout this process and we are so proud of them for the work they have done and the contribution they have made to the school's history.

With kind regards,

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Head of Inclusion

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