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Dear Parents

John Stainer teacher swap day - a box of curiosities

As part of our collaboration with other Outstanding primary schools, we have planned for a 'teacher swap day' with John Stainer Community Primary School in London. This will take place next Tuesday 20 November and will involve our Ryarsh teaching team spending the day teaching at John Stainer, with John Stainer teachers teaching here at Ryarsh. During the day, all of our staff and children will be learning about the similarities and differences between the two schools and our local areas, as well as exploring issues such as identity and diversity.

We are really looking forward to this day and have planned a range of activities for children at both schools to complete. For one of the activities, teachers will be taking a 'box of curiosities'. For this activity, we would like each child to bring in a small item which reflects their identity, such as a photo, picture or small toy. Some examples may include a pair of dancing shoes to show their passion for dance or a photo of them playing the piano to show that they are learning to play a new instrument. We will then be taking these boxes with us to John Stainer School to compare their similarities and differences. We would appreciate it if you could send any items for the box of curiosities into school by the end of the week. Please do not send in anything too valuable.

Before the teacher swap day, we will provide more information to each class so that children are comfortable with the idea of working with a different teacher. On the day itself, Ryarsh teaching assistants will be present in all classes and Mrs Malins and myself will remain at Ryarsh to support our visiting teachers. We hope this will be an exciting and memorable day for staff and children alike. Please contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any queries regarding the teacher swap day, as we would be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Austin
Headteacher