

## **Aldermaston C.E. Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Staff news – Robins Class

Unfortunately, Mrs Puzas is still not well enough to return to school. In addition to her health concerns, there have been other changes to her personal circumstances and she has now taken the decision to leave her teaching role. She is very sad to be leaving Robins Class and we are hopeful that she will pop in to visit the children when she is well enough.

I have spoken with the children today and they have had the chance to ask questions. Their concern for Mrs Puzas' wellbeing and kind words are a real credit to them.

After half term, Mr Davies will remain as the Robins full time class teacher. Mrs Redding, Mrs Oram and Mrs Jackson, who have worked with Robins since the start of the year, will continue their support. Mrs Paice will also continue her work providing additional interventions for the class. These interventions have been very successfully focused on phonics this term.

There is emerging evidence that nationally, KS1 children have been impacted by the pandemic more than other year groups. Areas of concern noted include the development of successful learning behaviours and slower progress affecting academic attainment. Given the ages of our Robins children, our aim is to provide them with consistent adults and clear routines and expectations in school. They have the highest level of adult support of any class in the school. We value the support that you are able to provide at home as this makes a real difference to how the children progress in their learning. Effective home support includes ensuring children have good attendance, are supported with their reading and phonics and that you are working with their teacher to help them develop great learning behaviours and a positive attitude to learning.

Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Higgs <u>Headteacher</u>

