



Tuesday 14th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, at the start of this term I was appointed as headteacher and I am absolutely thrilled to be taking on this role. I have been part of the school for many years in several different roles including class teacher, SENDCo, Deputy Head Teacher and Head of School. During my time here, I have witnessed the incredible dedication and passion of our staff, the boundless potential of our children and the fantastic support of our parents. It is an honor to now lead our school as we continue to strive to achieve our vision of exceptional, building on our strong foundations. I am deeply committed to fostering an environment where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to reach their full potential. I believe that open communication is paramount to our success and I encourage you to reach out to us with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. To gather wider views, next half term, I will also share a parent survey which will support our self-evaluation of what is working well and any areas we can further improve. Your input into this is invaluable as we work together to create the best possible education for our children.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to write to give you some further updates:

Senior Leadership Team:

I am delighted to inform you that this half-term we have appointed our senior leadership team into permanent positions; Mrs Stewart (Deputy Head Teacher) and Mrs Hackett and Miss Webb (Assistant Head Teachers). This year they have supported the school incredibly well in their interim roles driving to ensure the very best for our children and families. I know you will join me in congratulating them and wishing them every success. Together we know we can make our school the very best it can be.

Mrs Buckley:

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news of Mrs Buckley's departure from our school with her last working day on Wednesday 15th May. As many of you know, Mrs Buckley has been an integral part of our school serving as our office manager and staff governor for many years. Mrs Buckley's unwavering support, compassion and hard work have been invaluable to our school community. Her commitment to ensuring the smooth operation of our administrative functions and her genuine care for each member of our school community have left an indelible mark on all of us. While we are extremely sad to see her leave, we wholeheartedly support her decision to take some well-deserved time off to enjoy walks with her dogs, spend quality time with her family and hopefully enjoy the sunshine! As we bid her farewell, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her years of service and wish her all the best for the future.

Classes for September 2024:

Last year, as part of the growth project, we saw year 3,4,5 and 6 increase from three classes to four in each year group. From September all classes and year groups will remain the same and there will be no changes to classes. This will mean there will be three classes in EYFS to Year 3 and four classes in years 4, 5 and 6. To support the children's transition to their next year groups, we have made the decision to have whole school transition days on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July which will mean all children will get to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classrooms before the end of term. We have also made the decision to offer a third parents' evening during the summer term as a way to celebrate the children's success' and discuss next steps. Parents' evening will be followed up by the annual school report. Parents' evening will take place on Monday 1st July and Wednesday 3rd July (letters to follow).

Outdoor Play and Learning:

Since starting OPAL, we have seen tremendous benefits including fostering creativity, physical activity and most importantly the gigantic smiles on all of our children's faces! I am thrilled to share that our sand pit and mud kitchen are very nearly complete and we hope that the children will have time to play in these next week before we finish for half term – I know they are very excited! As the children explore these areas and get stuck into their play they may come home a little messier than usually and we thank you in advance with your support with this, we will also continue to monitor and review this regularly. I also want to say a huge thank you to you as parents for your support so far, donations and feedback since starting OPAL – it is very much appreciated. If anyone feels they could support with any further donations for our mud kitchen and sand pit we will be very grateful.

If you haven't already, you may wish to follow our school's facebook page which we believe is a real window into school life where we continue to share updates of our OPAL play and much more! Our website, although currently under review, also has lots of information for parents including up and coming diary dates.

Finally, as the warmer weather has now begun, please can you ensure your child has suncream on before school, a hat with them and their water bottle each day. This will ensure that they can continue to enjoy the outdoors during breaks and lunchtimes and we can ensure they are all hydrated and safe from the sun.

Warmest regards,



Mrs L Tottie
Headteacher