

# New Head of Maths



December 2023

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I am writing to introduce myself as Head of Maths and inform you of some changes that may affect your child and explain our reasons behind making those changes. Over the last few weeks, I have been meeting with the staff from the maths department to find out about each of their classes. We are very committed to ensuring that all pupils have the best opportunity to succeed both this year, in their future qualifications and throughout their life using mathematics.

We are approaching a critical time as we prepare pupils to complete their SATs in May. After looking at the assessment data from the progress weeks last summer, in September and in November, we have decided that we need to adjust the pupil's classes. We intend to reorganise the classes so as we can provide some focused intervention teaching for pupils who need a slightly different approach to be able to achieve the expected standard. We are keen that all children try their best, developing a growth mindset to achieve their potential. These class moves will mean that children will be aligned with pupils who are working at a more similar level of attainment whilst still allowing a range of attainment within the group to encourage high quality vocabulary and discussions to aid reasoning and problem solving.

In addition to the class moves we will also be offering an after-school booster club on Tuesday and Wednesday 3-4pm. This club will allow the pupils to explore a key topic per week, get support with maths homework and any areas of uncertainty on a more individual basis. They may attend one or both days if they wish. The main focus will be on developing fluency and recall of maths facts and applying mathematical knowledge through practise questions and games. The club will begin on Tuesday 23rd January, every week until the SATs in May.

I am very much looking forward to stepping into the role of Head of Maths and thank you for your ongoing support with your child's mathematics. Over the coming months, I look forward to sharing with you the successes that your children achieve and the next steps in their learning. I hope these class changes will give pupils the chance to achieve their best. In the first few weeks of January, I will be on paternity leave; if you have any concerns regarding maths please initially contact your child's maths teacher or if appropriate our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Bowker.

Best regards,

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**Head of Maths**



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