



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 24th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



Miss Kayleigh Churchman
Assistant Headteacher
KS1

Following the news of Miss Stott's appointment as a Headteacher in Oxford, I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed two Assistant Headteachers for September 2021. Miss Kayleigh Churchman will be Assistant Headteacher with key responsibilities for KS1 and Mrs Kendra Gerrish Assistant Headteacher with key responsibilities for KS2. These are temporary posts for the year, whilst we review the leadership structure for the school. I am very excited for the next academic year. Kendra and Kayleigh have already thought about the impact they would like to have on the children's learning and wellbeing in their new roles.



Mrs Kendra Gerrish
Assistant Headteacher
KS2

Recruitment

I am also delighted to inform you we have recruited 3 new teachers who have been training in school. Mr Jake Nicholls, Mr Jonny Scarborough and Mrs Frances Coe. I will be able to share the new school structure and any change in staffing with you during the first week of term 6. There are currently no plans to mix the classes so children will move up with their current classmates.

Surveys

Thank you for your lovely feedback from the parent and pupil surveys. You will receive the results and any actions through school's comms this week.

Polite Reminder - Uniform

We introduced children coming to school in their PE kit on PE days and asked for parents to ensure children wore the correct uniform. Parents and children appear to find this helpful but some children are arriving with different colours and styles to the school uniform which is on our school website. Please note this does not include cycle shorts, named sportswear or sportswear hoodies on non-PE days. If some children wear different uniform it is not fair on the children or parents who comply and the staff who need to follow it up. Please discuss this with your child and if there is any clarification required we are more than happy to help.



One Way System

Parents and staff have asked me to remind all parents and carers to please stick to the one-way system in school. Staff will be around to remind you but it would be helpful if everyone visiting the site could keep to the arrows to avoid bottlenecks and gatherings.

Curriculum outdoors

In previous newsletters I shared the plan to have Term 6 with a focus on outdoor learning. Mrs Thompson our outdoor leader has put together a plan for the whole school. We do have plans to introduce a small outdoor play stage for the children to perform on at playtimes: one for EYFS and one for Key stage 1 playground. Mr Craig and Mr Castle are supporting this. We will purchase tents for story-telling and an outdoor practical workshop.

We are in the process of receiving quotes for a trim trail on the KS2 playground and an all-weather surface where the adventure playground was, for KS1. This is not proving an easy task, as these companies are very busy. If you know of any companies which may be able to help please contact the school office.



Our new polytunnel installed in our vegetable garden by Mr and Mrs Milligan. Thank you both for setting this up.

We would like to paint, sweep, garden and generally have a freshen up (after all the building work) to the outdoor areas across the school over half term. The success of this is very much dependent on the response we get back.

The freshen up morning will be **Wednesday 2nd June 9-1pm**. We are keeping the support to Adults/teenagers only to avoid crossing of bubbles for children. As we are working outdoors conditions will be Covid compliant.

If you or a family member/friend can help please contact the school office by Wednesday 26th May so we can assess if there is enough support to go ahead.