

St. Peter's Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break; it is a shame the weather is not as good as we would hope for the return to school but hopefully it will turn a corner sooner rather than later.

I wanted to let you know that from tomorrow, for the next few weeks, Mrs McAtear is off for a medical procedure. If you need assistance, please contact me or Mrs Lane who are assisting at St. Peter's or indeed Mrs Yarnold or Mrs Nash. We wish Mrs McAtear all the best for a swift recovery and to see her back soon.

At St. Peter's you may be aware we have had a new floor installation over the holiday which has tracked into this week. I am assured all will be back to normal for next week but because the climbing bars and other fittings are not yet back in place, we have needed to take a cautious approach to use of the hall this week.

Mrs Jones will soon be returning to work following her recent illness, thank you to all parents who have asked me to pass on their best wishes whilst she has been unwell. On her return, she will be joining me and the Trust Central Team on secondment, working on our new role of Primary Lead Practitioner. This means she will be working with school leadership teams on specific projects that myself and the Governing Body implement. For St. Peter's this does mean she will not act as Deputy Headteacher and that her classroom duties with Year 5 will need to be relinquished as she needs the time to cover new work across our schools. Therefore, for the remainder of this academic year, Year 5 will be taught by Miss Stewardson Monday through Thursday and by Mrs Nash on a Friday. For Year 1, they will be taught by Mrs Nash on a Monday and by Miss Gullis Tuesday through Friday with effect from next week.

I also wanted to let you know that we also are advertising across the trust for the position of Deputy Headteacher at St. Peter's following Mrs Jones's secondment. The application window runs until the end of next week with interviews taking place the following week. When we have an outcome, I will of course let you know.

We will also shortly be advertising for a new teacher to work with Upper Key Stage 2 next year alongside the current team and to reflect the promotion of Mrs Yarnold to Head of School. As I said in prior communications, Mrs Yarnold will continue to teach 1 day per week, but we need to make provision for the other days, hence the forthcoming advertisement.

Finally, Mrs Yarnold will be looking at staffing after all positions have been filled in collaboration with Mrs McAtear. Please understand that until she has a full picture for staffing next year it will not be possible for her to make decisions as to class teachers for September, but I am sure that she will share that with you as soon as she is able to do so.

Best wishes,

Mr. M Farmer
Executive Headteacher/CEO Three Counties Academy Trust

