



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the week has drawn to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing weekend and thank you for your support during this period of significant changes. I am fully aware there are many areas that we need to do better and am committed to be working with you in a transparent and collaborative approach moving forward. To this end, I would like to thank you for your patience whilst we re-focus our school priorities and re-establish home school partnerships. I completely recognise and understand many of your frustrations. The team and I will be meeting with you over the coming days to discuss your concerns and to take the necessary steps to rectify ongoing matters as we must do right by our pupils and provide them with the quality of education that they deserve. We have our next Coffee Morning coming up on Thursday 1st February. Ali England, Chair of Governors, and I look forward to seeing parents and carers. Other senior leaders will also be joining to event to meet with you.

As you are aware, Mrs Paradis has not been in school since before the Christmas break. Mrs Paradis is expecting a baby and currently on leave leading into her maternity. I am sure you will join me in sending Mrs Paradis our best wishes and many congratulations. To ensure SEND capacity in school, Mrs Remington Davidson will be taking on the role of SENCo in the Spring term for 3 days per week. We also have secured additional SENCo support from the Local Authority SEND Services with Mr Farrer working in school for 2 days per week. Mr Farrer has supported our school before and already has knowledge of our pupils' needs and families. From the beginning of the Summer term until Mrs Paradis' return from maternity, we will have Miss Gregson joining our school as a full-time SENCo. Miss Gregson came to visit our school yesterday afternoon and walked around meeting our pupils and staff with me. Miss Gregson brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. She is really looking forward to joining our team and supporting our pupils.

Additionally, Mrs Sadler will be leaving Bassingbourn in February to take on a new role elsewhere. Although I have only worked with Mrs Sadler a short while, I think we are all in agreement that Mrs Sadler has contributed to our school significantly and we are very grateful for her dedication and hard work. We wish Mrs Sadler all the best in her future. Miss Burgess has agreed to step into the role of the School Business Manager. I would like to express my thanks to Miss Burgess for her consideration and ongoing support to the school. Finally, I am happy to confirm that Mr Fraser will be teaching Orcas class on a Friday.

Have a great weekend!

Amy Luu
Interim Executive Headteacher



Headteacher Awards will be replaced with Celebration Awards. Look out for more information about these in the coming weeks.



Coffee Mornings 2024

Please join us for one of this year's Coffee Mornings. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

1st February

School Development Progress Update

7th March

Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking — The Schools new behaviour policy and approach

2nd May

Maths — Our school approach and how you can support at home

6th June

Forest School — How this will be rolled out in our school

4th July

School Development Progress Update



Key School Spring term dates for your diaries:

28th February

15.30-16.30 - Open Classrooms

05th & 06th March

Parents Evening (times TBC)

13th March

15.30-16.00 - Subject Showcasing - Writing

Individual class dates for your diaries:

26th January

09.00-10.00—EYFS Breakfast & Read

06th February

09.00-10.00—Y1 Breakfast & Read

09th February

09.00-10.00—Y2 Breakfast & Read

Great things noticed this week:

Zoning started in the KS2 playground, and the children have responded positively.

There has been a calmer feel around the school.

During lesson times, children have been happy and engaged in their learning.

Year 4 have completed their Bikeability, and this event has been enjoyed by all.

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