

Dear Parents and Carers

### Welcome back!

We are very pleased to welcome you and your children back to school after the summer break and to update you on some changes to staffing arrangements and our current priorities.

As you are aware, our Headteacher, Mrs Magan, is going to have a baby in November and she will be starting her maternity leave on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Her last day in school for a while, will be next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. I am sure you will join all the Trustees, Governors and members of staff in wishing her and her family all the very best in the coming months.

Ms Hasker will be stepping up as our Acting Headteacher for the maternity leave and we are pleased to announce that Miss Moxom was successful in her application and interview to become our Acting Assistant Headteacher and she will be coming out of class from next week to take on this leadership role.

We are delighted that we have been successful in filling the vacancy for the maternity cover class teacher for Year 3 and Miss Choudhry will be starting with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Choudhry visited the school last week and really enjoyed meeting the children in year 3. She is very much looking forward to joining our school team and to be teaching Hummingbirds class with support from Miss Moxom. Next week will give us the opportunity to ensure that there is a detailed handover for Year 3 and for the Senior Leadership team.

We have a clear vision for the future of our school and we are looking forward to working with everyone in the school community on this year's priorities which are:

- 1. Ensure the quality of teaching, learning and assessment continues to close gaps in knowledge & skills due to the impact of the Covid pandemic and supports the wellbeing of children and staff.*
- 2. Continue to develop our whole school curriculum ensuring that leaders have a clear and inspirational vision for their subject areas and that the curriculum engages children in their enthusiasm for learning.*
- 3. Continue to develop effective and efficient use of technology which promotes good teaching, learning and positive wellbeing*

Our teachers were delighted to share the subjects and topics that we will be teaching this term at the Curriculum Open Evenings. The curriculum overviews and the knowledge overviews will be on the website this week and we hope that you will enjoy discussing them with your children at home.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October is an important day for us. We will be launching the newly stocked and refurbished library to coincide with National Poetry Day which we will also celebrate with parties in each class. We



want to thank the whole school team for their work on cataloguing all the new books ready for our children to borrow.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would ask anyone of you who are interested in this role to let Ms Hasker know so that we can arrange a meeting for potential candidates to explain what this role entails and how you can make a contribution to the future of our school.

Thank you for your support for Woodlands Academy and we look forward to working together to meet the needs of our community and enabling our pupils and staff to develop their potential in a safe, secure and supportive environment.

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