



“...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.”

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

10th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, I would like to share staffing information for September 2022.

Firstly, after 9 years at St. Paul's, starting as an NQT, Mr Ledger has made the decision to move to West Kingsdown as a Class Teacher and Teaching and Learning Lead across the federation. This is a fantastic opportunity for him to broaden his experience and will mean that we will still see Mr Ledger at St. Paul's, as he will be supporting both newly qualified and experienced teachers across both schools.

Following 13 years of service to the school, Mrs Franklin will be leaving at the end of the academic year. Mrs Franklin has helped countless amounts of children with her patience, determination and enthusiasm and we wish her the very best as she moves to support children with dyslexia in a specialist provision.

Mrs Northover has completed her teacher training and will be joining Horizon Primary Academy as a Class Teacher. This completes an incredible journey for Mrs Northover and we have really enjoyed seeing the results of all her hard work.

Mrs Broad is also moving onto a teaching job in Medway from September. She has been with us as a teaching assistant since 2019 and has been a wonderful support in Maple class since that time.

Following a rigorous interview process, I am delighted to announce that Mr Johnson has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at St. Paul's from September 2022. Mr Johnson is currently the federation Key Stage 1 leader and was previously a class teacher at St. Paul's. Mr Johnson will be teaching Maple class.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Searles back to school following the birth of her daughter, Libby. Miss Searles will be back full time in July before reducing her days to 3 days from September 2022. Miss Searles will return to her role as SENCO and will be teaching Maple class for 2 days a week.

Miss Craft will continue to teach Birch class, Miss Draper will remain in Oak and Miss Taylor in Beech for the next academic year. Your child will be meeting their new teacher on a number of occasions over the remainder of the term, for class changeover sessions along with their Teaching Assistant, in their new classrooms.

Although not mentioned in the staffing structure, there are many other people that contribute to your child's learning and experience at St. Paul's. We have a team of eight Teaching Assistants who provide 1:1 support, group support and support within the classrooms. We are fortunate to have such a skilled and committed team and their efforts must not go unnoticed. An excellent Teacher, working with an excellent Teaching Assistant, is a very powerful combination, which I believe we have at St. Paul's.

Beyond the classroom, we have other adults that are all contributing to your child's development, on a daily basis, in many other ways. These include Mrs Simmons and Mrs Doherty in the School Office, the School Kitchen team of Ms Medhurst and Ms Charlesworth and our Caretaking and Cleaning Team of Mr Fenlon and Miss Strachan; in addition to our IT Support Team, Breakfast Club and the Governing Body. It is a pleasure to be able to lead over twenty-five committed individuals each day, that care deeply about your children and feel proud to work at St. Paul's.

I look forward to the remainder of the term and the wide range of events that are happening; please do join us for as many of the opportunities as you can. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns about this, or anything else regarding school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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