

19th December 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of term at Wootton Park School, I write to thank you for your continued support and commitment to Wootton Park School. It has been a busy two terms with many trips, the wonderful EYFS Nativity, Year 1 Carol Concert, a visit from a local artist and numerous open events. As ever, the children at Wootton Park School are a real credit to us all and we are very proud of their achievements and progress this academic year. However, this would not be possible without the tireless efforts and commitment from our staff. I am sure you will agree, they truly are outstanding!

Site Update

Thank you for your patience over recent months whilst plans for our new school buildings have been negotiated and agreed. I can now confirm that the new state-of-the-art buildings will be ready for occupation in spring 2020. In the meantime, we have negotiated with the Education Skills Funding Agency to have an additional modular building constructed in the summer term ready for September 2019. This will ensure we have more than enough room to continue to offer an outstanding education to our children. Work continues behind the scenes with the architects from Kier and I look forward to updating you with more detailed plans as the academic year progresses.

Staffing Update

As we grow as a school, it is natural that we will now start to see staff progress into new roles both within WPS and beyond. This term we say goodbye to three staff. I am delighted for our current Cover Supervisor, Mrs Stubbs who has secured a teaching post at a local academy. We also say goodbye to Mrs Plows, our Catering Manager, who is taking up a new post at a local primary school. Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Clarke, who has decided to leave the Academy to pursue other opportunities. We wish them well for the future.

In addition, congratulations to the following staff who will take on a new role at WPS in January:

| Position | Staff | Position | Staff |
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| HR Administrator | Mrs Douglas | Head of Year 7 | Mrs Wade |
| Cover Supervisor | Ms Clarke | Head of Year 8 | Mrs Frost |
| Head of Year 9 | Ms Reynolds | Safeguarding Officer | Ms Grady |
| Teacher of Science | Mrs Mohammed | Attendance/Admin Officer | Ms Baptiste |
| Administrator | Mrs Vakani | Reprographics Assistant (started in November 2018) | Mr Percival |
| Midday Supervisor (Started in December 2018) | Mrs Jones | | |

I am also delighted to share that Mrs Smith and Mrs Warren have returned to WPS this week following maternity leave.

PTA

A special thank you to the Friends of Wootton Park School. The support of our PTA has been exceptional. Their tireless work and dedication have ensured that our learners have enjoyed many amazing events and experiences this year. Thank you!

Road Safety

As our numbers continue to grow, we must all be considerate about the safety of learners at the start and end of the school day when a lot of learners are trying to leave the site at the same time. We would ask all members of the school community who drive to show respect and consideration for other road users and for local residents. Please do not park on private roads or in police parking areas. The area around the school can become congested so please be prepared to be patient, be careful if overtaking and slow down outside the school itself.

If you are a parent collecting a child from school, unless they are on crutches, please do not use the entrance to the visitors' car park as a pick up and drop off point as this makes it difficult for learners and staff who may need to leave promptly to do so. Please use the designated drop off zone outside the Sports Pavilion. Your co-operation and support is much appreciated.

As ever, thank you for your continued support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing Christmas break and I look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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