



11th September 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

Staff Arrangements for FS2AW

May I first of all take this opportunity to wish you all a warm welcome as we start a new school year here at Oswald Road. I am delighted to inform you that on Wednesday we appointed a new experienced Level 3 Teaching Assistant called Laura Taylor to complement our Early Years team. Laura will be starting after half term in FS2AW, but has already been working within the school last year in Hayley Craven's class, so has a good working knowledge of the school and is really looking forward to starting here. Nicole Thompson, our cover supervisor, who is also a qualified teacher will continue to prioritise her time, staying in class until Laura starts after half term.

I appreciate that there have been a number of staffing changes within this phase, but I assure you that we have always recruited skilled practitioners to ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained across the Early Years provision. This is such a crucial time to nurture relationships between parents and teachers to support the difficult transition when a child starts school.

Tom Ratchford (who will be working with us up until Christmas) and Nicky Appleby are both experienced teachers with a wealth of experience within Early Years. In January, Donna Wealleans (Assistant Head and leader of EYFS) will be returning after her maternity leave to take over from Tom. To ease the transition for the children, Donna will be working alongside the EYFS team from late November to get up to speed with the children in the class to establish and nurture relationships and to get to know all the new parents.

We appreciate that this is not an ideal position for the children having three different teachers; however, a great deal of time, thought and care has gone into these decisions to hopefully ensure that all children feel supported and settle into life at Oswald Road as smoothly as possible. We are having our Mela celebration after school on Wednesday 23rd September, so this will be an excellent opportunity for you to get to know our new staff and join in with a range of fabulous multi-cultural and creative art activities.

Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further concerns.

Yours sincerely

Jon Beisly
Deputy Headteacher



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