

Oswald Road Primary School

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1st July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievably, we're at that time of year where we are sharing with you your child's class teacher for next year.

It's been a difficult year for us all. There has been so much out of our control, but one thing that has remained consistent has been the amazing attitudes of our children, the care and commitment of our staff and the support of our wonderful parents and carers. As a school, we feel we have been dealing with this together as a community and we have really felt the support and genuinely appreciate it.

I've been in awe at how adaptable your children are – let's face it, they don't know if they're coming or going with the world the way it is at the moment, but their adaptability, positive attitude and care and love for each other has just been so lovely to watch.

It has broken my heart to see children missing school and missing special events. It's been so hard on those occasions when an isolation has meant missed face to face education and also a special event. We love the children in our school so very, very much and have really felt the pain of anything they've missed.

That said, there have been many, many positive elements of our year. Seeing how much school means to our children, watching the adaptability and resilience, watching the care across the community and developing further relationships with families whilst seeing the children into school. We have also worked hard to continue developing our curriculum (we have refused to stand still because of COVID). Our subject leads have been working tirelessly over the past couple of years on curriculum changes and specifically on progression within their areas and sequencing of learning across school. Last year we did a lot of work on science, history, geography and Design and Technology. This year we have implemented this work and done further work on all subjects, with specific focus in computing and RE.

As we move into next year, we are excited about the launch of our art studio which we feel will enhance our already excellent art provision. We are also happy to announce that we will be having computer science lessons led by Ben Caldwell (our Computing Lead) alongside the class teacher. These lessons will have a programming focus which is part of the curriculum we are keen to develop.

Transition will be different this year. Children will be sent an 'all about me' video and tour of their new classroom which they will watch as a class at a set transition time with their current teacher. These videos will also be posted so you can access them with your child over the holidays should that be helpful.



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Also, for any children isolating, this will stop them missing out on transition activities. The children will then spend time with their current class teacher that afternoon completing 'getting to know me' tasks. Their new teacher will make contact with them in person ahead of summer and the first day on return will be spent with a transition and 'getting to know me' focus.

I am sad to say that Kelly King (class teacher) will not be returning from her maternity leave, she will be staying in Ireland with her family. I'd like to wish her all the very best. Paul Salisbury (class teacher) will also be taking a year out to spend with his little boy. We will miss his fantastic sense of humour and look forward to seeing him back in school the following year. Jen Beech (class teacher and Assistant Head for Years 5/6) and Saiyma Sarfraz (Teaching Assistant) will be returning from maternity leave and we look forward to them coming back to our school. Jocelin Bennett will be returning from maternity leave at Christmas. We currently have some Teaching Assistant posts out and we will communicate our full staffing list with you before return to school in September.

I wish you and your family all the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Howard'.

Deborah Howard
Headteacher

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Academic Year 2021 - 22

(Incoming classes in bold)

Nursery	Kathryn Whalley Ben Halima Jen Dyson
Reception	Laura Tracanna Sarah Greenway / Khadijah Iqbal Natalie Hickman / Natalie Turton
Year 1	Sophie Roberts – FS2LT Sian Rice – FS2JD Chelsey Daley / Leanne Eldridge – FS2IG
Year 2	Helen Savage / Channi Davis 1DE Internal vacancy 1RS Hayley Craven 1SR
Year 3	Natalie Gomez 2HC Richard Farrow 4 days / Ben Caldwell 1 day 2DS Fiona Walker 2KK
Year 4	Kat Rowe 3KB Emma Calderbank 3FC Andy Wheeldon 3NG
Year 5	Luke McDonagh 4LM Claire Cawley 4EC Midge Murray / Joe Welsh 4AW
Year 6	Wendy Gibson 5PS Jen Beech 5WM Farah Saleem 5CC Jocelin Bennett from January (3 days) / Internal vacancy

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PPA Carousel:

Music: Midge Murray

Art and Design: Nicky Appleby

Outside PE: Kieran Bentley

I understand it is difficult news for 1RS to not get a named teacher with this letter. Internal interviews will be happening on 8th July and I will be in touch that evening.

For 5CC, I will also be in touch on that date to give a name of the teacher who will be working alongside Jocelin Bennett on her return.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get straight in touch.

Deborah Howard



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