



Family



Partnership

at



Old Park

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Family Partnership in Action

Welcome to our Family Partnership at Old Park School newsletter. Following the school's success in achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) in January 2023, we remain committed to developing our relationship with parents, carers and families. We welcome and value your contribution and suggestions.

School Developments

Our **Family Forum** met on 21st February 2024. The focus for the meeting was **pupil transition to their next class in the next academic year**. We discussed and reviewed the transition process from the pupils, staff and families perspective. We have maintained some of our current good practice in this area and we will be introducing some new approaches to improve the transition process for all involved. An update has been sent out separately. A huge thank you to all the members of the Family Forum for their time and contribution.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 8th April - Term starts
- 17th April - We Love Carers coffee morning (10:00am)
- 23rd April - Family Forum meeting (10:00am)
- 7th May - Puberty workshop (11:00am)
- Wb: 27th May - Half term
- Wb: 10th June - Celebration Assemblies
- 8th July - Lower & Middle Phase Sports Day
- 9th July - Upper & 14-19 Phase Sports Day
- 10th July - Leavers' Fest (5:30pm)
- Wb: 15th July - Pupil transition week
- 15th July - Year 14 Leavers' Assembly (10:00am)
- 16th July - New class coffee morning (10:00am)

Meet the Team

On each newsletter we will take the opportunity to introduce members of the Old Park School team. In this issue we meet three of our new teachers.

Hello! I am Mr Cooke and I am the new Lion Class teacher. I have been teaching for 14 years in mainstream primary schools and in that time have taught every Year from 1 - 6, been Phase Leader, Art and Computing lead and staff governor among other roles! It will be exciting to bring some of this experience into a totally different type of setting. I enjoy teaching practical skills and knowledge in creative ways and I am a bit of a phonics fan. I am excited to start a new journey at Old Park School, along with all the new challenges it will bring!



Hello, I am Miss Evans and I am the new teacher in Parrot Class. I am new to Old Park School and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children and working with them each day. I have been a teacher for 5 years, working mostly in a mainstream primary school, but I am excited for the move to special education as this is something that I have always been interested in. I look forward to working with lots of children and families during my time at Old Park.



Hello, I am Ms Williams. At the start of the summer term I became teacher for Butterfly Class and I have had a wonderful few weeks getting to know the children and the staff in the class and across the school. Everyone has made me feel very welcome.



I started my teaching career back in 2003, 21 years ago!

I began as an English teacher at a secondary mainstream school and found that I had a passion for SEN and Pastoral. Over the years, I have had the privilege of teaching at a range of schools, mainstream secondary, primary and early years, but for the last four years I have been teaching children with Special Educational Needs ranging from ages 4-19.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working closely with children, parents and carers. Supporting the children to progress and develop whilst providing a safe and nurturing environment in the classroom, which has and always will be at the heart of my teaching.

I hope to meet you in person soon.

Outdoor Learning Area

We are so pleased to let you know that we are finally seeing some progress with the work needed to enable us to reopen our outdoor learning area which is used for our Forest School sessions. We have been able to secure a new design and funding for the area. We will keep you updated as things develop.



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