



Family



Partnership

at



Old Park

December 2023

Issue 6

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, 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 4th October 2023. The focus for the meeting was online safety. We looked at the information for families on the school website and the SMART rules of responsible internet use. We generated some ideas for how we can support our pupils to keep safe online and how we can support our families with this. We agreed some actions which we will put into place to improve online safety for our pupils. A huge thank you to all the members of the Family Forum for their time and contribution.

Calendar of Events

We have welcomed many of our families into school during the term for a range of events including:

- meet the team meeting
- parents' evening
- Macmillan coffee morning
- celebration assembly
- family learning sessions in class
- Lower Phase nativity
- PfA and Transitions event
- Christmas carol sing-along.

Please continue to support your child and the school community by attending meetings, performances, events and workshops.

Meet the Team

On each newsletter we will take the opportunity to introduce a member of the Old Park School team. In this issue we meet **Mrs Amy Croft**.



I am the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the secondary phases. I have been part of the Old Park team for 12 years, previously acting in the role of class teacher and also 14-19 phase leader for a short time. I have taught all key stages during my time here but most of my experience has been in the 14-19 phase. I am the Old Park Careers Leader and part of my role is to coordinate Preparing for Adulthood across the school. Preparing students for their next steps, advocating for pupil voice in future planning, and supporting families to make positive connections with wider services in the community are all key parts of my role. I look forward to being able to champion aspirational outcomes for our young people in my new post as part of the SLT team.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 08.01.24 - staff inset day
- 09.01.24 - pupils return to school
- Wb: 29.01.24 - family learning sessions (cognition & learning)
- 06.02.24 - family information session (phonics & early reading)
- 20.02.24 - spring parents' evening (primary)
- 21.02.24 - spring parents' evening (secondary)
- 21.02.24 - Family Forum meeting (10.00am- 11:30am)
- 21.03.24 - Easter bonnet parade

A Fond Farewell

Dear families,

I will be leaving Old Park School at the end of this term. I have been Deputy for the past 15 years and joined the school when we were based in Russells Hall. I had the privilege of playing a part in the design of our current school and then seeing it built. Pupils' needs were always at the heart of everything that was planned. It has been a pleasure to see so many year groups pass through the school. It certainly makes you feel how the years fly past when you say goodbye to Year 14 students who you remember not long ago being new starters in their Reception year! I wish you all the best for the future and will always treasure happy memories of my time at Old Park.

Mr. Wiggin



Contact

Old Park School
Thorns Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 2JY
01384 818905
www.oldpark.org

If you have any ideas, comments or questions about Family Partnership, please feel free to email office1@old-park.dudley.sch.uk