



Family



Partnership

at



Old Park

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Family Partnership in Action

Welcome to our fifth issue of the Family Partnership at Old Park 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.

School Developments

On 16th May 2023 our Family Forum met for the fifth time.

The focus of the meeting was wellbeing at Old Park School. We began by considering the five key overarching statements written by the school's newly formed Change Team. As a school, we will aspire to achieve these statements in order to improve our provision for wellbeing at Old Park.

Leading Change: At Old Park School we will lead change by knowing the strengths of the staff team, supporting opportunities to grow and learn.

Working Together: At Old Park School we will work together to create a culture of mutual respect, positive connections and a sense of belonging.

Understanding Need: At Old Park School we will have a collaborative approach to understanding the needs of our unique learners, utilising a toolkit of strategies and measuring impact.

Promoting Wellbeing: At Old Park School we will promote wellbeing through our provision, integrating mental health and wellbeing within a safe environment.

Supporting Staff: At Old Park School we will support staff by promoting positive attitudes, communicating well and working together with a clear sense of purpose.

The Family Forum group were able to identify many aspects which are already established in school. They also made some fantastic suggestions for areas we can improve upon.

Meet the Team



On each newsletter we will take the opportunity to introduce a member of the Old Park team. In this issue we meet: **Miss Claire Read**

I am currently a class teacher and phase leader and I have been a part of the Old Park School team for 20 years. I have been a teacher, mainly in the Lower Phase, in particular in the Early Years although I have also taught in Middle and Upper Phase. I am Behaviour Lead at school and I have been part of the Positive Behaviour Support Team for many years. In this role I provide support and advice to school staff and families to support pupils with their behaviour management, promoting positive and consistent strategies within school and at home and liaising with multi agency professionals. Please get in touch if you would like any support in this area. From September I will be joining the SLT as Assistant Head and am really looking forward to working with Families.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 4.9.23 and 5.9.23 Staff inset days
- 6.9.23 Pupils return to School
- 4.10.23 (10.00am-11:30am) Next Family Forum meeting

A Fond Farewell:

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge Thank You! to all the families and pupils I have had the privilege of working with during my many years at Old Park. I have loved my 11 years here, 9 in class where I have had the pleasure of teaching your children and watching them grow. I have enjoyed the last 2 years as Deputy Head and leading the Family Forum where I feel, with your help we have made a difference. I have so many special memories to treasure and you will always hold a very special place in my heart.

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