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Dear Parents,

Covid-19 Update

Normally I would be writing my end of term letter looking at all the things which have happened this year. However, this year it is difficult to know what to write. If nothing else, it is very clear that the staff and parents at Old Church have worked together as a team to support our beautiful children. I would like to thank you for becoming teachers and continuing to educate our children, and more importantly, support them and us through this difficult time. My staff have also been amazing and we are blessed to have such fantastic staff who have gone above and beyond to support the children.

Staff

We have appointed 2 new teachers to Old Church in September. Ms Jukes will teach in Year 4 because we will now have 2 classes in each year group. We no longer have mixed age classes.

Mrs Gledhill will teach in Year 5. I have put an extra teacher into Year 5 and 6 this year to support our children after Lockdown. We will have a maximum number of 23 children in our Year 5 and 6 classes. I wish I could do this in every year group but unfortunately the budget will not sustain this.

I have also appointed 3 new teaching assistants, to support our children. They are Mrs Prestage, Ms Porter and Ms Griffiths. We had a huge response to our advert and we opted for experienced staff who could slot in immediately. We have been very lucky with all our appointments; they have come with excellent reference.

We would also like to congratulate two members of staff who (fingers crossed and Covid permitting) will be getting married during the summer holidays. Ms Ball will become Mrs Richards and Ms Rogers will become Mrs O'Brien. We hope that they have a fantastic day.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Brittain, who we have made Assistant Head, We have made this new post to support Mental Health and well- being in the school. We felt this was an absolute priority after lockdown. This is going to be a huge role in school after the disruption we have all had this year. Mrs Brittain has just completed an intensive course of Mental Health and well- being in order to support her new role. She may need to support the Head Teacher if Bournemouth get relegated!

Free School Meals

Several parents have telephoned regarding other schools printing off vouchers for parents. Your vouchers will be sent to your email address as before.

Contact during the Summer

School will be closed over the summer but Mrs Spittle and I will be in regularly checking the phone messages and emails to postbox@old-church.walsall.sch.uk . School will not be open for the first week in August and no messages will be checked.

I will not be sending out daily letters via 'Marvellous Me' but will use this forum to communicate any notable changes made by the Government. I will also send out the completed risk assessment- yes another one- and details of procedures for your child returning to school towards the end of the summer holidays. I am not going to do this until late August as I have learnt my lesson that just as I write something and think it is finished. There is a new directive. As they say: 'A week is a long time in politics' and even longer for a Head Teacher!

I hope that you have a lovely summer holiday. We are there if you need us. It just may take a few days to get back to you. Roll on normality!

We will see you on September 3rd.

Kind Regards

Davina Clacy