

Friday 17th July, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It saddens me greatly that this is my last newsletter I write to you as Headteacher of Tickford Park Primary School. Who could have ever imagined a year like we have had – losing our wonderful TA, Anne Knapton, and then dealing with a pandemic? At the heart of everything however, has been the children and they have coped with it all admirably and it has been super to have some of them back.

I am confident that the school is in a tremendous place to move forward with the new Headteacher. Amongst many other things, we now have fantastic IT systems to support the children's learning, we have after school provision to support our working families, we have a brighter environment to welcome your children and we have a robust curriculum to ensure the children meet their full learning potential. None of this could have happened without the highly skilled staff of Tickford Park who work extremely hard for your children and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have done over these past two years. Change isn't easy but they have thrown themselves into it! I look forward to watching the school flourish under its new leadership.

Saying our goodbyes

We have heard this week that we will be saying goodbye today to Melanie Batson who is taking up a new position at a different school in September. We wish her all the best in her new role. Cass Hurst and Jackie Mynard are also leaving the school after working in the After School Club this year – we are currently recruiting for their positions. If you know of anyone who would like to join our team, please see the advert at the end of this letter. Due to the rapid closure of the school in March, we also didn't get to say a formal goodbye to Sally Seagar who left her role as Year 5 TA – I know she is currently very busy raising a rather lively puppy! I'd like to thank everyone for their commitment to the school.

Welcoming new staff

Due to current guidelines, Mrs McBrearty, who is growing her baby, will not be teaching Peridot class in September. Instead, we will be welcoming Miss Lennox who will be covering Mrs McBrearty's class for the year. We will also be welcoming Lauren Goodman who will be a Teaching Assistant supporting in Year 5. We know they will be great additions to the team.

Friends of Tickford Park Primary School

Attached to this newsletter, you will also find a message from our Friends Association. Sadly, the committee are stepping down and are looking for volunteers to take on their roles. Please read the letter to see if this is something you would be interested in. Thank you.

I would like to thank Sarah and all members of our Friends for all their hard work these past two years. They have raised valuable funds for the school and it's much appreciated.

New teachers - September 2020

A reminder that there are booklets on the blogs found on the Tickford Park website giving information regarding classes, teachers, and TAs for you to share with your children. Please do take a look as this will help prepare your children for the return in September.

This is not the way anyone expected to be finishing the year. All the teachers have found it very difficult not saying goodbye to all the children in person but please know that everyone is in our thoughts. To our Year Six children, we wish them all the best as they transition into secondary school. At the Awards Ceremony yesterday, the staff were discussing what a fantastic year group they have been all the way through the school and they will be missed.

On behalf of everyone at Tickford, I would like to thank you for all your kind words of support and end of year gifts which seem to be streaming in. It is very much appreciated.

I wish you a very peaceful and healthy Summer.

Best wishes

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Number on Roll: 392 (Foundation - Year 6)

After School Club - Playworkers Required

Hours 15 hours per week, - Monday to Friday, term time only 3pm - 6pm.

£10.38 per hour

TPPS is a busy, friendly, hardworking school.

Staff are dedicated and work closely as a team for the benefit of the children.

We are looking for organised, friendly, enthusiastic and highly motivated individuals with the ability to adapt to any situation, and a good sense of humour, to join our After-School Club team.

This post requires an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service and reference check. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff to share this commitment.

We are an Equal Opportunities employer.

Executive Headteacher: Claire Britnell