

## All Saints Primary School Weekly Parent Email

W/E 09th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **UPDATE**

I hope that you find some form of normality over the Easter weekend, some quality family time away from school work and dare I say it Joe Wicks. I have to say that, curtesy of Joe, the fitness of the pupils who have been coming into school is improving along with that of us staff: or am I just kidding myself? We are closing the school over the Bank Holidays and then will be reopen for the children of key workers from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April; if you need any reading books of other resources to support the learning of your child(ren), please do call us.

## **NEXT YEAR**

At last some good news! I am delighted to announce that Mrs Hope is expecting her first child later in the year. On behalf of all of the All Saints' community, I would like to pass on our congratulations to Jenny and Chris at this exciting time.

Jenny's contract with the school was as maternity cover for Mrs Parsons. When Rio returns to work in May, Jenny is continuing as a job share with her until the end of the academic year. However, Jenny has informed me that she does not want to extend her contract at the end of this academic year in order to spend some quality time with her newborn. To that end, next year, Diamond Class will be a job share between Mrs Rio Parsons and Mrs Debbie Legg (who is moving over from Topaz class).

KS2 next year is remaining the same with Ms Barnes staying in Ruby Class and Mr Grant-Peterkin in Sapphires. This leaves Topaz and I am delighted to announce that we managed to fit in an interview day just before the lockdown where Miss Bethany Scott was appointed as a new, full time, class teacher. Many of you will remember Miss Scott who has been a long term friend of the school and worked here as an HLTA before starting her PGCE in September 2019. I am delighted to welcome Bethany back to All Saints, she personifies everything we want All Saints to be and is passionate about our school.

This leaves Mrs Regan who, along with myself, will be:

- covering planning, preparation and assessment time for our class teachers
- working with our Diamonds and Topaz teachers to ensure continuity and that the Year 1 pupils in Diamonds are covering exactly the same curriculum and same standards as those in Topaz
- working with focus groups to maximize progress for all pupils

Our current Reception pupils will again be split between Diamond and Topaz class. This split will be made after consultation with all this year's and next year's staff and we will take into account a number of issues such as learning style, friendship groups, maturity, attitude to learning, character... The class split will NOT

be made on ability / attainment! As a pointer, our Diamond class Y1 pupils have made at least as much progress as our Topaz class Y1 pupils this year.

These are exciting times for the school and I am thrilled with our 'line up' for next year. Naturally, our teachers would not function without our superb, dedicated and supportive teaching assistants. Also, however much I kid myself, Lou Wookey will continue to make all of the important decisions!

## **AND FINALLY**

Please remember us and that we are here to help you all as much as we can. If there is anything we can do for you, please do call!

Happy Easter

Nigel Roberts Headteacher