



Claypole Church of England Primary School

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Strive for excellence, promote harmony and value achievement.

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our academic year here at Claypole Primary, it has gone by in a flash! It has been wonderful to have the children back in school for a full academic year; to hear their voices, feel their energy, see their learning and progression. It has been a successful year for all; we are incredibly grateful that the pandemic has had minimal impact on our children and their learning. We continue to highlight and celebrate our children's successes each week in our newsletter, and as we end the academic year, we have had the opportunity to recognise, reinforce and celebrate these successes together.

As we look ahead to the Autumn term (but let's not wish those summer holidays away just yet!) we wanted to make parents aware of some changes you may see, when we return. The teaching team has already been shared with you via the newsletter and children will shortly be having their taster afternoons with their new teachers to support their transition.

We are pleased to share that Mr Wells has agreed to support another school for the Autumn Term and will become an Executive Headteacher for that period, overseeing the strategic leadership of the two schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mr Wells and testament to his development and leadership in role at Claypole, and we congratulate him on securing this opportunity! This appointment will be for the Autumn term and Mr Wells will return full time to school from January 2022, or earlier, should a new Head Teacher be appointed to the other school in that time.

Whilst we are excited for Mr Wells and his new adventure, inevitably, this may spark some questions for parents which we have addressed below:

- What does this mean for Claypole?

As parents on a day to day basis you may see very little change. The school will continue to run as normal, with Mr Wells as our Head Teacher, but you may see communication with other names on it or different teachers at the school gate in the mornings.

- What does this mean for the children and the teaching team?

Mr Wells will split his time between the two schools, he may be less visible to us all but will continue to oversee the leadership and direction of school.

Miss Kurvink, our Key Stage 1 Leader, and Mrs Silby (as she returns from maternity leave in the Autumn), our Key Stage 2 Leader, will continue to lead our team in Claypole.

Children may notice other adults in school to support with Collective worship or in their classroom

- Will this cause unnecessary disruption to the children and their learning?

No. This is a great opportunity for all of our Senior Team to step into roles with greater responsibility. It's a reflection of the calibre of leadership that we have at Claypole that the request has been made of us.

- What should I do if I have concerns?

As is currently the case, in the first instance please speak to your child's teacher who will be best placed to deal with any query about your child. Should your question be whole school related, then please speak to the Office administration team who will ensure your query is directed to the most appropriate person.

As a Governing Body, we wish everyone a well deserved rest and summer break. We will be working with the school leadership team over the summer break to ensure we're ready and raring to go in September, after some sunshine and relaxation!

Kind Regards

Sarah Fisher
Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Full Governing Body
Claypole CoE Primary School