

Bures CEVC Primary School and Nursery

September 2019

Over the summer break the school playground was excavated and re-tarmaced by Suffolk County Council to help resolve our ongoing drainage and subsidence issues. At the same time the lower brick walls were removed and the Play Pod sheds re-located to maximise and make safer our play space.

The new Reception and Nursery children have settled quickly into the new term and we have welcomed five more children into other classes. Miss Atkinson (Year Four Class Teacher) and Mrs Fairley (Year Two Class Teacher and Deputy Head) have enjoyed the warm welcome they have received from pupils, parents and staff. Mrs Jenkins has started as a part-time LSA in Year 1 on a temporary basis and Mrs Markwood has also re-joined the LSA Team and will be supporting the Reception Class on a Thursday and Friday. Another new face you may see around school is Miss Bates who is a Trainee Teacher. She will be working in Emerald City with support and guidance from Mrs Fairley.

In addition, we have another new employee starting work with us in a brand new role. Mrs Bradder will be joining us for two days a week as a Family Support Practitioner (FSP). We have recognised that all families may need a little extra help at times. Obviously, we have lots of educational experts in school but sometimes parents and children need something more which is not always easily available. It may be advice about what to do if a child is struggling to get into a good sleeping routine, it may be that parents need help gaining access to Local Authority support services, it could be that a child sometimes doesn't want to come to school and their attendance is low or it may be that parents need help to avoid those homework battles. Mrs Bradder will be working with both children and parents and we hope that our FSP will become a valued resource and offer something extra which may help all pupils achieve their very best at school and at home.

The children will be meeting some new topics and themes this year as we have been working hard to develop and improve our curriculum. We will be seeking parental feedback on these once we have got underway and will also be asking parents and local residents to share any expertise or resources they may have linked to these. In that context if anyone in the Parish has any information, artefacts or even memories of the Second World War that they would be happy to share with the children, please let the School know as the topic will definitely come alive if we are able to access primary sources of evidence as well as information books and internet sources.

As always, the teachers have worked hard through the holidays to plan exciting themes and activities and to get their classrooms ready. We are very grateful for their strong commitment to doing the very best for our pupils. I know we will have another exciting and successful year!

Tim Fairbairn

Chair of Governors

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