

Thursday, 15th December 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 1 Maternity Cover for Mrs Johnston

Mrs Johnston will be starting her maternity leave on Monday, 23rd January which means that her last day with the children will be Friday, 20th January. Mrs Johnston will be taking a short maternity leave however, and will be returning to school on Monday, 22nd May.

Whilst this is a short maternity leave it is still important that the children have a teacher who will provide strong teaching and learning opportunities, continue our high expectations and build upon the progress which Mrs Johnston has created to date.

Sadly the quality of the cover supply teachers has been lacking and certainly isn't the quality I am prepared to put in with our children. I am very pleased that Mrs Moss, one of our Year 3 teachers, has volunteered to take the class in January. This opportunity has arisen due to there being two very small Year 3 classes which we will be amalgamating in January. Rather than lose a very good member of staff, Mrs Moss will be relocated to Year 1. I am delighted to be able to keep her.

Mrs Moss has Key Stage 1 experience in her previous teaching career and has proved herself to be a real asset to the school. She will provide the children with the continuity they need in terms of school expectation and standards as well as being a familiar face to the children. Mrs Moss will be working closely with Mrs Johnston for the two weeks before she goes on maternity leave to ensure there is a good handover of information regarding the children academically and socially.

I have written to Aslan class and Year 3 parents separately as a matter of courtesy before making this information available to all parents in The Voice newsletter on Friday.

I am happy and confident that Mrs Moss will be a successful maternity cover for Mrs Johnston and that your children will be able to build upon the fantastic start Mrs Johnston has provided them this term.

Many thanks

Mrs Davies
Head teacher