

Ellington Primary School



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Ellington Primary School 2022-2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to share with you some important news regarding staffing changes and classes for 2022/2023 at Ellington Primary School.

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the academic year and I am ending my first year as Headteacher at this brilliant school.

There have been many changes over the course of the year and I hope you can see the positive direction in which the school is travelling.

Unfortunately, at the end of this term, we have some staff departing. Mrs Rusby is leaving Ellington after four years. She has been a brilliant teacher here, making an impact on all of the children who have been lucky enough to be in her class. She is also highly popular with all of the parents and the wider community. She will be a huge miss to everyone at Ellington.

Sadly, Miss Willcock is also leaving us. Miss Willcock has been teaching at Ellington for six years after starting here as a newly qualified teacher. She too is a fantastic teacher who has led significant changes in English this year and has made a real impact across the school. Miss Willcock will also be a huge miss to everyone here at Ellington.

They have both been a great support to me this year and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them lots of luck in their new schools.

Miss Smith will be finishing her fixed term role as we welcome back Mrs Horsley from maternity leave. Miss Smith has secured a permanent post in another school and I am sure

the children there will enjoy learning from her as much as ours have.

Finally, Mrs Vardy will be departing Ellington for pastures new. She has been a huge asset to the school over the past fifteen years and every child in school has been taught by her. Mrs Vardy will be dearly missed by a huge number of families and all at Ellington wish her the best of luck in her new chapter.



The Future

From September 2022, there will be two new Assistant Headteachers joining the school. They are Miss Gray and Mr McConville. Miss Gray is an experienced leader who has worked in three different schools across Northumberland. Mr McConville is also an experienced leader who has worked in North Tyneside and Gateshead. They will be fantastic additions to the school, strengthening the leadership team and helping develop the future of Ellington Primary School. We also have a new class teacher joining us. Mr Todd is moving from my previous school in Gateshead and will also be a fantastic addition to the team here at Ellington. He will lead PE and co-ordinate our extra-curricular clubs.

It is sad to see staff depart, however, I am very excited by the new teachers coming into Ellington, the changes that have taken place this year and the plans moving forward. It is a team effort and I am very grateful for the support I have received this year.

From September 2022, the following class structure will be in place:

Nursery – Mrs Pirie Reception – Mrs Cook Year 1 – Mrs Horsley Year 2 – Mr McConville Year 3 – Mrs Morris/Mrs Richardson Year 4 – Miss Nicholson Year 5 – Mr Todd Year 6 – Miss Gray



On July 7th, we are having our 'Move up morning'. All children will spend the morning with their new class teacher in their new classrooms! Further information will follow for nursery children moving up to reception.

When we return to school in September, we will have 'Welcome to Year 1, etc' meetings. These meetings will be so important for your child's education here at Ellington. The class teachers will discuss everything you need to know in order to fully understand and support your child/children. This will also allow you to ask any questions that you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Once again, thank you for your on-going support.

Best Wishes,

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