



29th June 2017

Staffing update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the end of another school year is approaching and we are still busy with lots of events at school as well as preparing for the new school year. Next week, your children will meet their new teachers who will be working with them this year. It can be an emotional time for everyone; saying farewell to those they have worked with and been supported by for a year, whilst starting to build new relationships with those they will be working with next year.

Last year the majority of teachers remained in their year groups and we welcomed three new teachers to the school as part of our plan to reduce class sizes. This year, many of the staff will be moving year groups and are excited about their new adventures. You will find out more about this next week...

As with other years, we do have some staff changes. Mr Williams has been with us for two years and is a much valued member of the team. It has been a pleasure to see him grow and blossom in these early years of his teaching career. As part of our strong work across our Academy Trust, Mr Williams has been given the opportunity to work at Keyham Lodge School on a year's secondment. This is an area of education that Mr Williams is passionate about and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the future.

Mr Williams has the following to say:

"I've been incredibly lucky over my three years at Parkland to have worked with a fantastic group of children and staff. Through sports clubs and PE I have been able to teach every child in KS2 and building relationships with these children is an experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. The staff at Parkland have supported me from a student teacher, through my NQT year and in to this year and I'm very grateful. The children and staff at Parkland will always be a huge part of my career and they truly have shaped me as a teacher."

You may be aware that Miss Lakhani got married at half term and is relocating to London. Therefore she will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Lakhani has played an important part in our school developments particularly in leading Year 2 through the new testing regime. She will be missed.

Miss Lakhani has the following to say:

"The last two years have been truly amazing. I have really enjoyed being part of a fantastic school and community at Parkland Primary School. The children have been a pleasure to teach and I feel honoured to have helped them achieve and reach their potential. I will miss working with brilliant children and staff as well as supportive parents. I have wonderful memories of my time here which I will cherish. I wish everyone all the best for the future. Thank you for letting me be part of it."

We will also be saying farewell to Miss Kaur who is moving on to another teaching post in the city. Miss Kaur has been with us for three years and has always brought a positive attitude to the Parkland Community.

Miss Kaur has the following to say:

"It has been a pleasure working for Parkland and I will take the memories with me. I have developed good relationships with the children, staff and parents which I will miss, but I am looking forward to the beginning of a new journey in a new School. Thank you for the positive experience."

Miss Mir has been with us since last year and has taken on a new post at a school in the city. Her enthusiasm will be an asset to her new school.

Miss Mir has the following to say:

"Working at Parkland has been a fantastic experience. I want to thank you all the wonderful staff and children. It has been a privilege to be part of such a great team. Each and everyone makes Parkland an amazing place to be. It's never felt like just a place of work but more like a second family."

Although Mr Toole has only been with us short time as a teacher, he soon became part of the Parkland team and has made a positive contribution to the school. He is moving on to new teaching adventures.

Mr Toole has the following to say:

"I decided to become a primary school teacher after working as a LSA at Parkland back in 2008. It's been great to return to the school this term and rejoin the team as a teacher. Thank you to everyone, especially the staff in year two and year three, for such a brilliant term. I wish everyone the best of luck for the future."

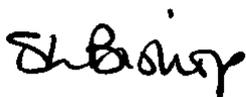
We will also be saying farewell to three of our support staff. Harry Durham (who has been with us for two years, one as a volunteer and one as an LSA), Jasmine Bannister and Emily Gadsby are all leaving us to begin their teaching qualifications. This is really exciting for the teaching profession and I look forward to welcoming them back in the future as fully fledged teachers. Mrs Corley, who works in the school office, is also leaving us on 30th June to undertake a new role at another establishment.

We successfully appointed five new teachers to join the Parkland team in the new academic year. Miss Sadie Owen will be joining us in EYFS. She currently works at The Pastures in Narborough and she is looking forward to working with us. We have also appointed our three amazing SCITT students who have worked with us this year. Laura Taylor, Hanna West and Ellie Hand will be joining us officially in the new year. They have had a very successful training year and are all going to be a real asset to the school. We have also successfully appointed James Scarborough who will be joining us following a relocation from Cambridge.

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Durham was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Whilst this has been a shock to us all, the doctors have told her it is treatable and are confident that she will be fine. Mrs Durham will start her summer break early so that she can begin to undertake treatment and start her recovery. She will very much continue to be part of the Parkland team whilst she undergoes her treatment but we will be very flexible with this so that her immune system is not compromised. I am sure that you will join the Parkland team in wishing Mrs Durham a speedy recovery and supporting her through her treatment.

I look forward to catching up with you at some of the end of term activities and wish you all a happy last few week of term.

Kind regards,



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