



# Dore Primary School



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Dear all Parents, Carers and Staff,

Once again another successful year at Dore Primary School and I would like to thank all the staff and the Headteacher for all their hard work this year. This has been Lynnette's first year as Headteacher and it has been another very successful year for the school in a period of transition as she rapidly settled into her new post at Dore. All her efforts have been greatly appreciated by the governors, parents, carers and staff.

As always all the staff have been fantastic with great dedication and hard work put in for all the children, and it is important to say how much this is also greatly appreciated by all the parents, carers and governors.

The success continues in that the excellent teaching across the school and the engaged children are doing better and better at Dore, though the way in which children are assessed as SATs has changed significantly this year. Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) should be congratulated for the results of an outside moderation that they received and the Phonics results back this up, being excellent! There has been good communication about the plans for the mixed classes next year and I think this was really appreciated by parents and carers and was handled really well by all the staff involved.

There are a number of goodbyes that need to be said:

Helen Leach (Y4) is leaving us at the end of this term retiring after 32 years at the school, starting in 1984!

There are other staff members who left us earlier in the year who I would like to thank. Becky Robinson from key stage 1, who left to spend more time with her growing family. Marie Gleadhill who retired at the end of the Autumn term after many years at Dore.

Liz Firth our family advocate, left the school this term.

Alex Brown who is leaving to begin his teacher training.

Luke Hall our building supervisor who has overseen the school and grounds is leaving over the summer.

As a result there are a number of people to welcome for next year:

Nikki Evans will be joining as a permanent member of teaching staff in Y3/4.

Aisling Farrell joins the KS1 team.

Oliver Mills (Y5) will be with us for next year, as will Ellie Turton (Y3/4).

Caroline Simpson will be covering Rebecca Hague's maternity leave in KS1.

We will also be welcoming back Sarah Drazek (Y3/4) and Heather Wyatt (nee Atkinson) (Y1)

Rebecca Hague has also had a baby daughter.

Laura Guiton will hopefully be back from maternity leave early next academic year, with cover in the meantime by Fiona Weir and Jonny Shaw.

Kathryn Davis starts her maternity leave at the end of this term with her baby due in September.

I would like to wish Richard France, who is now back full time, a continued recovery over the summer holiday, and thank Joanne Smith for so ably standing in for Richard after his unfortunate accident.

Other specific congratulations to Andy Goodwin and Sian Granville for their continued roles on the senior leadership team, and to Georgina Bradley and Katy Godfrey for achieving Specialist Leader in Education (SLE) status joining our other SLEs Sarah Drazek and Jason Fletcher.





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Parents have had detailed reports for their children again this year. There have been changes in how these are presented for most of the children as the new primary school curriculum and the way progress is measured have changed, so a lot of effort has gone into explaining how well the children have progressed in each year, and the reports that parents receive take a lot of time to prepare, but are very much appreciated.

Thanks also to all the other staff and volunteers who enable the school to function on a day to day basis; from the office work, to the provision of meals and so much more.

I particularly want to thank parents for supporting the school by getting involved in the excellent DPA. The support of the DPA is really appreciated and the support given helps with classroom activities and being able to offer something more to the children (e.g. Laptops) that might not be possible otherwise.

Parents are also much appreciated attending all the events put on at school like the excellent concerts across the school year, as well as helping as volunteers in School. These roles are invaluable.

Also as parents and carers may be aware the School change team meeting is changing, and will be taking place as a stakeholders meeting at the community fair on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be an opportunity for all involved with school to raise any issues that they would like to discuss. This is always a great way to engage with the school and any comments or thoughts are always gratefully received by staff and governors.

Finally thank you to your children. Please pass on how much their hard work is valued and can be appreciated by anyone visiting the school.

Thank you for reading this and I hope you, along with all the staff, have an enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

Steve Thomas

Chair of Governors

