



To create a school where we all:
Go further than we thought!
run faster than we hoped!
reach higher than we dreamed!
to become the people God meant us to be!!!!

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19th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I draw near to the end of my first week at Sutton-on-the Forest CofE Primary, I feel it is important to share with you plans for the remainder of this term and what I anticipate to be in place from September 2018.

Firstly, though, I would like to thank Mr Buttery, the staff team and the Governors for their hard work during the last two terms. They have done a fantastic job during challenging circumstances, identifying strengths and areas of improvement, to ensure that Sutton is now in a strong position to continue thriving and moving forward into an exciting future. I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for your patience and understanding during some unsettling times. I am hoping this letter will set your minds at ease so that we can all begin to look forward to an even more positive future for our school.

Summer Term

Mrs Bird will commence her maternity leave after half-term, and I will be covering her two-day teaching commitment in Rec/Y1 and Y2/Y3 for the remainder of the academic year. Miss Balch will be teaching Rec/Y1 until Mrs Comito's return from maternity leave at the end of June.

Anticipated plan from September 2018

Staffing:

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying a sad goodbye to two extremely valued members of staff: Mrs Adams and Mrs Craig. There will be further communication regarding this news after half-term.

New Class Structure:

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Mrs Fineran (5 days) with full time TA support

We are very excited about the Rec/Y1/Y2 class structure for a number of reasons, one being that the children will be moving into the current Y2/3 classroom.



The benefits in moving classrooms are that the children will have full access to outstanding provision in a purpose-built EYFS/KS1 environment. This provision will allow Mrs Fineran and the team to develop age-appropriate skills and encourage the children to become creative, higher-level thinkers, whilst being active in their learning. I have been in contact with schools rated outstanding by OFSTED who have this class arrangement, and their ideas and ways of working are inspirational. Mrs Fineran has been very busy already!

Y3/4 - Miss Hodkin (5 days) with TA support

It will be very beneficial to have Miss Hodkin in school all week to ensure continuity for the children and the staff team. I know she is excited about moving to her new classroom and the year ahead.

Y5/6 - Mrs Pye (2 days) Mrs Comito (3 days) with TA support

Having taught in Y5/6 for the majority of my career, it will be a pleasure to work alongside Mrs Comito, who also has experience teaching upper KS2, in providing the very best learning opportunities for all. I am already impressed with the work being produced by the children in the current Year 4/5 and I know we will have a fantastic year.

I hope that this letter has given you an idea of the plans moving forward. I would like to invite you to a meeting for parents/carers on **Wednesday April 25th at 6pm**, where I can properly introduce myself, expand on what I have shared with you in this letter, and answer any queries you may have.

Could you please indicate on the slip below if you will or will not be attending the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pye
Headteacher

Parents' Meeting, Wednesday 25th April 2018, 6pm

I/We will be attending the meeting

Number of adults attending: _____

I/We will not be attending the meeting