



Burwell Village College Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Miss Bloomfield will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has relocated and the journey to work is now unviable. Miss Bloomfield is a fantastic teacher and has been a valued member of the school staff. The children in her class have always thrived, attaining really well and making great progress. We wish her all the best for her future career, which I am sure will be highly successful. We are currently advertising for a new teacher for Miss Bloomfield's class from January.

You will also know that Miss McNally has been absent from school for a significant period of time. She has taken the difficult decision to resign from her role as Deputy Headteacher. Miss McNally has been instrumental in the success of the school over the last 5 years. She has developed the curriculum we now offer, she has insisted on the highest standards of teaching and learning and she has ensured that pupils have been given the best possible opportunities. She was of huge support to me when I first joined the school, ensuring that the vision we created could be realised resulting in such a successful inspection last academic year. We wish her all the best in the future.

We will not be reappointing to the Deputy Headteacher at this stage. As you are aware, Miss Mansfield and Mr Mayes are highly effective Assistant Headteachers and can therefore take on the duties of a Deputy Headteacher as they have been doing whilst Miss McNally has been absent. In order to continue to move the school forward however, they do need more time to commit to supporting, monitoring and developing teaching and learning. They will therefore be out of class full time after half term. Miss Macleod, who is currently teaching in Miss Springett's class, will be taking over until Christmas. Mrs Ellerby is then returning and will job-share with Miss Macleod from January until the end of the spring term. We are excited to have Mrs Ellerby back in school and to be able to provide high quality teaching in place of Mr Mayes and Miss Mansfield as well as drawing on their expertise to ensure the continued development of the school.

Finally, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Carmen Saunders. She is leaving us to enjoy early (very early) retirement, walking the dog in Lake District and generally relaxing as much as possible. Much larger plans of world excursions lie in wait. We would all like to thank her for the significant impact she has had on the lives of so many of our most vulnerable pupils, helping them to learn to deal with their emotions and setting them up for successful school careers. We all hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

This is the first time in three years where we have had a number of staff leaving together. We understand that this can be unsettling. However, as you can see, the staff are leaving for reasons outside the school and whilst we are sorry to see them go, it is inevitable that staff will come and go over time. We remain in a strong position with committed and dedicated staff. Given the improvement in the OfSTED result and the general reputation of the school, we are hopeful that recruitment will be easier than it has been in the past. We will keep parents up to date with any changes as soon as we are able to do so.

Regards,

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