



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth Achieving Together for a Brighter Future

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the close of another academic year we want to reach out and thank all of our families for their support and thank the children for bringing such joy, curiosity, questions, laughter, care and happiness into school each day. It is a privilege to serve the children and families in our community and to do all we can to support them and provide a meaningful, enriched curriculum where every child has the opportunity to flourish.

It has been another incredible year here at Shalfleet C.E. Primary. Yet again, this year as a community we have been managing the restrictions due to the Covid -19 pandemic whilst driving school improvement and welcoming new families into the Federation. Despite the pandemic, we have been delighted with the progress we have made this year and the many opportunities provided for the children. As we continue with our final half term of this academic year, we wanted to update you on the staffing structure for next year.

We are very fortunate across the Federation to have an exceptional team of highly skilled staff across all aspects of our school, who continue to want to be part of what the Federation can offer. As our teachers and support staff develop within their professional development, we want to provide them with challenge, change and opportunity. As a result, we have been able to carefully match staff to the dynamics of each class across the Federation with the children at the heart of all that we do.

Therefore, we have some staffing changes to make you aware of as we move into the next academic year.

Leadership

Mrs Westhorpe will continue to be the Federation Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion, Behaviour and Management and EYFS. Mrs Westhorpe will work closely alongside myself to drive Federation improvement. Within the Inclusion team, we are ably supported by Mrs Heather Eggleton as the Inclusion Assistant. I know many families have worked closely with Mrs Westhorpe and Mrs Eggleton this year, they look forward to developing this work into 2021/2022.

We will also continue with our model of Duty Lead positions on each site. The Duty Leads will drive aspects of Federation improvement and be on call in the absence of the Head teacher and/or Deputy Head teacher to ensure the smooth running of our schools.

Mr Roberts will continue as Shalfleet Duty Lead and Mr Cook as Yarmouth Duty Lead. Mrs Smith will be stepping down from her Duty Lead role in July as we will be on two sites from September. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Smith for the excellent work she has undertaken at the Freshwater site and for her care of the children. Mrs Smith will still be a familiar face at Yarmouth, teaching and leading areas of the curriculum.

Federation Moves

We wish Mrs Jones the very best as she moves to Yarmouth for the next academic year to further her professional experience. We wish to thank her for the work she has done here at Shalfleet – we are sure she will be back with us again in future years to come.

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New Faces – Welcome!

We are absolutely delighted to welcome a familiar face back to the teaching team here at Shalfleet. Having worked at Yarmouth C.E. Primary for the last academic year, Mrs Hedley will be returning to Shalfleet as a very experienced Reception Class Teacher. She is very much looking forward to joining the Shalfleet team once again.

Go Green!

We are pleased to announce that Ms Gates will be continuing with the Outdoor Learning model into next year. I know this is a popular area of the curriculum and many children have developed their motor skills, team building skills and confidence through these lessons. Alongside this, Mrs Matthews is going to be leading PSHE sessions to build upon the skills taught in Outdoor Learning. Mr McCormack our Sport's Coach, will be leading PE sessions across the Federation and organising extracurricular events and competitions as soon as the restrictions allow. I know Mr McCormack and the children have really missed this opportunity to compete. We look forward to some trophies and medals!

Shalfleet Teaching Staff:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Hedley Mrs Westhorpe	Mrs Cox
Year 1	Mrs Thurman	Mrs Swift (TA support/Intervention Year 1)
Year 2	Mrs Thompson	Ms Blazeby Mrs Heimour (1:1) Mrs Swift (1:1) (TA support/Intervention Year 2)
Year 3	Mr Roberts	Mrs Newton Mr Blackburn (1:1) (TA support/Intervention Year 3)
Year 4	Ms Whitaker	Mrs Blackburn (TA support/Intervention Year 4)
Year 5	Ms Isaac and Mrs Lewis	Mr Pickford (TA support/Intervention Year 5)
Year 6	Mrs Blackley	Mrs Lucas (TA support/Intervention Year 6)

We are looking forward to starting a new, positive academic year with our wonderful children and families – hopefully without restrictions. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Grainger
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