



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We can barely believe that another academic year has almost come to a close. As we look forward to the new year, we always take time to reflect on the past year – the celebrations, the challenges and all we have learned – children and adults alike.

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 with them 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 an exceptionally busy year at Shalfleet, where we have continued the recovery process after the pandemic whilst driving school improvement and working with existing and new families. We have been very pleased 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 who continue to want to be part of what the Federation can offer. As our teachers 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 skill to the dynamics of each class across the Federation and affect some positive changes with the children at the heart of all 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 Officer and Family Liaison Officer. I know many families have worked closely with Mrs Westhorpe and Mrs Eggleton this year, they look forward to developing this work into 2022/23.

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 be stepping down as Shalfleet Duty Lead as he wants to focus on his teaching responsibilities for the next year. I know you will all join me in thanking Mr Roberts for the superb work he has undertaken in driving the Curriculum forward. He will continue in his role as PE Coordinator/Sports Lead.

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I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Thompson is going to be stepping up to the role of Shalfleet Duty Lead from September. She is very much looking forward to working with staff and supporting our families. Mr Cook will remain the Duty Lead at Yarmouth.

Federation Farewells

It is with sadness to write that two familiar faces across the Federation will be leaving us.

Mrs Newton has been a huge support to staff and children for nearly 10 years at the Federation as an HLTA. She has a wealth of knowledge, especially in Reading and Spelling, that we will sorely miss. After 30 years in Education, Mrs Newton has decided to step down from her role to embark upon new adventures.

Mr Pickford also leaves us at the end of this academic year as he heads into retirement. We have been grateful for his support to the children. Mr Pickford has been an HLTA at the Federation for the last 11 years. The children have always benefitted from his knowledge in a range of curriculum areas and enjoyed his jokes!

We wish both Mrs Newton and Mr Pickford the very best for their futures.

Federation Moves

We welcome Mrs Sharpe who is joining us from Yarmouth C.E. Primary to develop her professional experience as a Teaching Assistant and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. We know that Shalfleet will benefit from her knowledge and caring nature.

New Faces – Welcome!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Federation teacher. Mrs Reid has been a Student Teacher at the Federation, recently completing her teaching qualification. She will be joining the Federation as an Early Career Teacher. She is very enthusiastic, with lots of new ideas to bring to the Federation. We know our families will make her feel very welcome.

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 Smith is going to be leading PSHE and JLT sessions to build upon the skills taught in Outdoor Learning. Mr Westhorpe, our Sport's Coach, will be leading PE sessions across the Federation, ably assisted by Mrs Cool, our Sport's Assistant and organising extracurricular events and competitions alongside Mr Roberts.

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Shalfleet Teaching Staff:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Hedley Mrs Chick	Mrs Cox (TA support/Intervention Year 1)
Year 1	Mrs Thurman Mrs Chick	Mrs Swift (TA support/Intervention Year 1)
Year 2	Mrs Thompson	Mrs Sharpe (TA support/Intervention Year 2)
Year 3	Mrs Reid	Mrs Heimour (TA support/Intervention Year 3)
Year 4	Ms Isaac Mrs Lewis	Ms Lucas (TA support/Intervention Year 4)
Year 5	Mr Roberts	TBC – New appointment (TA support/Intervention Year 5)
Year 6	Mrs Blackley	Mrs Blackburn (TA support/Intervention Year 6)

We are looking forward to starting a new, positive academic year with our wonderful children and families. We hope you have a wonderful Summer.

With warmest regards,



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