



St. Andrew's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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'Learning together what is good and right.'

Job 34: 4



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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be able to write this as my first letter to you as Headteacher. It is with great pride and tremendous excitement that I look forward to leading such a wonderful school, in which I am sure will be an exciting phase of the school's development.

As a fellow parent at this school, I am passionate about working in partnership with the children, staff, governors and yourselves as the parent community to continue to develop St Andrew's as a happy and successful community school.

I have sixteen years of successful educational experience including headship of an International British curriculum school in Malawi, Africa, along with extensive Deputy Head experience in a large multicultural primary school in Surrey and a smaller Church of England Primary school in Richmond upon Thames. I believe my broader professional experience, coupled with my desire to be fully involved with the school community, complements the rich, creative curriculum already offered at St Andrew's by a talented, dedicated and caring teaching team.

My hope as Headteacher, is that every member of the school community, especially the children, are excited about what each new school day brings at St Andrew's and that each child develops a love of learning and feels safe and secure to enjoy "learning together what is good and right." Therefore, I will be working alongside the whole school community to enhance the many strengths of the school, but to also introduce new initiatives and focus on improving specific aspects of the school. The foundation of everything we do at school will be firmly rooted in the character and values upheld in the school's Christian ethos.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Murdoch as our new Foundation Stage teacher, and Mrs Rachel Thomas as our new Year 4 Class teacher. I would like to warmly invite every parent to attend our **'Meet the Teacher'** evening on **Tuesday 12th September** which will include a **'Welcome from the Headteacher'** presentation in the school hall midway through the evening at **6:30p.m.**

I fully appreciate that many in our school parent community have busy daily schedules and work commitments, but would whole-heartedly encourage parents to engage in, and support your child's education and the community life of St Andrew's. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school, if you have any queries, concerns and ideas, or anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and progress. I look forward to getting to know you and your child, as we look forward to an exciting new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Harvey
Headteacher