

'Achieving Excellence through Leadership'

GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Miss. L. Whitby

Tuesday, 23 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Class Teachers – Academic Year 2020/2021/Transition Arrangements

As you are aware, for the new academic year (September 2020) we will be a fully expanded 3 form entry school. We will have three year groups in years 3, 4, 5, and 6. This will mean that some of the classrooms will be moving locations. I appreciate that long term plans are difficult while we are experiencing many changes in terms of education due to COVID-19. While we are not sure what September will look like, we hope that your child will benefit from knowing who will be leading their learning next year.

New Staff

We have some new staff starting in September and have added some additional roles to our growing team which we feel will benefit the families at Giles Junior School. You will have seen some of these staff featured in the previous newsletter.

Family Support Worker – Mrs L Smith
PE Lead – Mr Stephenson
Year 3 TA - Mrs Haywood
Year 5 teacher (for additional class) – Miss Causton
Year 5 TA – Mrs Ball
Mr Keir – 1:1 Year 3 support
Mrs Winnett - 1:1 Year 3 support
Mrs Ince - 1:1 Year 3 support

End of year Reports

End of year reports will be sent out via email on July 15th. These are in the usual format and will take account of the progress seen from September until March 20th.

Transition Arrangements

Mrs Jones has been working hard on a set of welcome leaflets which will arrive via email. If you need a printed copy please email the office and we will arrange this for you. This leaflet has some photos of the adults they are working with and some pictures of their classroom.

We have made a video to support Year 3 transition. A link to this video can be found on our school website if you locate the News and Events and then follow the Latest News tab. Any pupils who would like to hear from some of our new staff and have a tour of the year 3 classrooms are welcome to watch this. Please follow the the [link here](#) to watch the video Welcome to Year 3.



Each individual class teacher will be filming an additional video for their new class and we would like any questions they may have sent to their **NEW** class email address (see table below). The class email address begins with the class email e.g. sweden and ends with @gilesjm.herts.sch.uk. Your new class teacher will then film a video (where possible in their new classroom) where these questions will be answered. These videos will be posted on the school website and links will be sent via email when they are prepared.

Please see below for the location of each Teacher/Teaching Assistant for each class, with effect from September:

Current class (July 2019)	New Class (September 2020)	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
5 India	6 Germany	Mr Kent	Miss Mellor
5 Finland	6 Peru	Mrs Woolston	Mrs Smith
5 Turkey	6 India	Mrs Vary	Mrs Boe
4 Zambia	5 Turkey	Mr Gray	Mrs Lamacraft
4 Australia	5 Finland	Mr Bailey	Mrs Ball
4 Costa Rica	5 France	Miss Causton	Miss Sewell/Miss Keam
3 Italy	4 Australia	Mrs Arris	Mrs Allaway
3 Sweden	4 Costa Rica	Mrs Ford	Mrs Turcescu
3 Wales	4 Zambia	Miss Folan	Miss Keable
Y2 Penguins	3 Italy	Mrs Dear (3 days) Mrs Jones (2 days)	Mrs Haywood
Y2 Pelicans	3 Wales	Miss Russell	Mrs Harris
Y2 Puffins	3 Sweden	Miss Jose	Mrs Slade

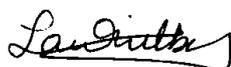
NB:

- Mrs Jones will continue to be the deputy headteacher and teach in Year 3 for two days a week
- Mrs Chappell will continue as the Assistant headteacher and SENCo.
- Mrs Mackenzie will continue to work as the pastoral support lead in "The Den". Along with Den staff Miss Sewell, Miss Faulkner and Mr Glennon.
- Miss Robinson will be covering classes for French/Music and continue to lead on the 7 Habits
- Mrs Southwell will continue teaching classes and groups from year 6 as well as interventions for the whole school.
- Mr Stephenson will start as our new Sports Specialist, taking all classes for PE.

We are so lucky with the teachers at Giles Junior School in terms of their skill and commitment. I have no doubt that all pupils will enjoy the opportunities which will be presented to them as they continue on their journey in our school. Teachers have already been meeting to talk through transition and to find out about the pupils who will be joining them in September. They are all very excited. We were disappointed that we were not able to offer on site transition for pupils this year but hope that the plans mentioned above will offer some support to children so they feel as prepared as possible to re-join us in September.

It is imperative to remember, however, that we are currently in an unprecedented situation which places specific restrictions on what we are able to do in schools. It could well mean that the traditional plan for September will need altering. The Leadership Team is already thinking about creative ways to blend the planned structure with aspects of the remote learning currently taking place. I will continue to keep you informed throughout the summer via the usual channels of communication. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and my wonderful staff team.

Yours sincerely,



Miss. L. Whitby
Headteacher