



Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



Friday, 21 October 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to Newsletter 6, I hope this finds you and your family well. Half term holidays begin today for children and staff. Our return date is Monday 31st October.

Staffing Update:

Mrs de la Cloche leaves Grands Vaux School at the end of this term to join St Lawrence School for the start of the Spring Term in January 2023. Mrs de la Cloche has been at Grands Vaux School for over 7 years. I am sure you will join us in saying thank you for her time and dedication to the children and families at Grands Vaux, we wish her well at her new school.

We are in the very fortunate position that Mrs Dymond-Long has agreed to continue to work with Reception for the remainder of this academic year and Miss Dix has agreed that she will return from her parental leave and move into year 1 in January 2023. This will provide a smooth transition for both classes as the children in Reception have built up a rapport with Mrs Dymond-Long already and they know the expectations and routines. The year 1 children will know Miss Dix from in Reception, so again the links, routines and expectations should take less time to establish.

Welcome to Mrs Chapman:

Mrs Chapman has completed her first week at Grands Vaux and has thoroughly enjoyed it. Mrs Chapman is getting to grips with how the office runs and will establish her own systems and procedures to ensure that the office continues to run smoothly. I ask that if there are any glitches that you continue to support the school through this period of transition. I want to thank the Senior Leadership Team for covering the office during our week without a secretary.... hopefully during this time the service from the office remained efficient and effective!

Meet the teacher Thurs 13th Oct:

Thank you to those parents and carers that were able to make this meeting. Unfortunately the turnout was extremely low which was disappointing as this was an opportunity for the class teachers to share with you their expectations for the year ahead and for you to ask any questions.

Those families that were able to make it had an introduction to the new Early Intervention CAMHS team and the 'The Hub Drop In Service' that we will be piloting next ½ term – 1st session Weds 2nd Nov.

Class	Parents/Carers attended	Families
N	0	0
R	1	1
1	4	3
2	0	0
3	3	1
4	0	0
5	2	1
6	1	1
TOTAL	11	7

Parent-Teacher Phone Call Consultations Reminder:

These will take place WB Mon 14th Nov and Mon 28th Nov. We have decided to keep the 'meeting' as a phone call as feedback indicated that this was easier for many parents and carers, adjustments could be to their day to work around the phone call, for example taking a lunchbreak at the time of the call and so it didn't impact on the rest of their working day. We shall review this again at the end of this round of Parent-Teacher calls and adjust our future offer if needed. Please do provide feedback.

Christmas Dates for the Diary:

EYFS (N&R) – Wednesday 7th December – 9-10am @ Grands Vaux School

KS1 (yr 1 & 2) - Monday 5th December 6-7pm @ St Paul's Church

KS2 (Yr3, 4, 5 & 6) - Tuesday 6th December 6-7pm @ St Paul's Church

INSET 22-23 (school is closed to children on these dates):

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher