

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, the term when Spring arrives and things start to look a bit brighter for us all!

Firstly, may I introduce myself to those who may not be fully aware of the changes that have happened over the holidays. My name is Bryn Jones and I will be taking over from Sally Robins as the acting Head Teacher for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Robins has been a most superb Head Teacher, guiding our learning community through challenging times as a compassionate, kind, strong and focussed leader. Indeed, she has been my mentor and without doubt the best Head Teacher I have ever had the pleasure to work with in my long career.

Her leadership example will guide me as I take hold of the reins and I shall endeavour to follow her example of support, guidance and commitment to the children and families at Faringdon Infant School. There are challenges ahead, not least with the move to a new school site and transition for everyone to a new setting, whether it be Folly View Primary or The Elms Primary. I know that we will all work together to support each other during this time of transition. I personally will do all I can to 'steady the ship' and make the journey as smooth as possible.

Of course, I can't possibly do any of this without the support of the talented staff and Governors at FIS. Pleasingly, the current teachers and their assistants remain the same individuals as before the holidays. So, you will have familiar faces for your children to see upon their return to school. Our two front of house office staff, Mrs Watson and Mrs Murphy, will continue to offer their ever-helpful services. Finally, our lunchtime supervisors and catering staff remain the same.

We also have some new faces that you will begin to notice. Firstly, you will see our newly appointed SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) Miss Lauren Cronk out and about at drop off and pick up times. Please do introduce yourselves and help us to give Miss Cronk a warm FIS welcome. We have also appointed a new Pastoral Lead, to replace the wonderful Laura Wright - Mrs Hayley Clark will be joining us after the Easter break.

As I take on this new and exciting role, I ask for your continued support in helping me keep Faringdon Infant School the special place it is for your children, yourselves and the wider learning community. In return I will work tirelessly to encourage, support and care for you all. Let us continue to be kind and thoughtful of each other, mindful of the spoken and written word, slow to judge yet quick to understand our differences – we all have our story to tell!

All the best,

Mr Bryn Jones

Acting Head Teacher