

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a short week but it has certainly been a busy one at Arnett Hills. Thank you again for all the very warm wishes, friendly smiles and kind messages that I have received. I hope your children are all pleased to be back and keen to get on with their learning adventures.

As well as myself, please welcome Mr Simmons who has joined us as caretaker. Please say hello to him when you see him around before and after school.

Miss Spence has joined us as a teacher in Year 2 and we very much look forward to working with her.

Other staff news brings a celebration for Miss Hacking who got engaged over the summer to her partner Robin.

An overview of staffing is attached to help you place everybody in this new school year.

In chatting with a pupil on the playground on Thursday she politely asked me "How is your first day going?" I replied that I had enjoyed it so far and everyone had made me feel very welcome. She then said in an extremely upbeat tone, "Don't worry, once you get used to it, it's easy!" I think I will take these words with me forever.

The building work to the offices and staffroom areas has been delayed but we hope will be starting in a few weeks.

I received some wonderful letters from Year 5 who have been keen to share with me what it is about Arnett Hills School that they really cherish, and some possible ideas for new developments. As one child wrote to me "*Change is another word for opportunity*" I will certainly be looking into their suggestions although I'm not sure we will be able to facilitate a whole school 'bring your pet to school day.'

The Peace Circle



The Peace Circle has been completed and there is a wonderful plaque marking its importance. Sitting within the circle certainly brings a sense of calm, tranquillity and an opportunity to focus and reflect. I thank those who ensured this project was completed.



Class arrangements are as follows: -

Reception: Miss Hacking, Mrs Sheeky and Mrs Darling
Year 1: Miss Nutt, Mrs Patel and Mrs Minhas
Year 2: Miss Spence, Mrs Mehta and Mrs Periera
Year 3: Miss Cook, Mrs Mehdwan and Mrs Day
Year 4: Miss Brianese, Mrs Gwinnell and Mrs Minhas
Year 5: Miss Mallouppa, Mrs Kite and Mrs Simpkins
Year 6: Miss Seymour, Mrs Patel and Mrs Pishori

Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo: Mrs O'Neill
Headteacher: Mrs Butcher

Meet the Teacher

This is an opportunity for you to put a face to the name, to get some information about routines and expectations, and find out what the children will be learning. One adult from each household may attend and the meeting which is not appropriate for young children and will only last a maximum of 20 minutes. It will be held in the school hall so please enter the school via the door outside. You may choose to wear a mask as this meeting is being held indoors. Please do not attend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. Please don't worry if you are unable to attend as we will ensure you receive the information after the meeting.

Dates are as follows:

Year 1— 14th Sept @ 2.40pm
Year 2—15th Sept @ 9am
Year 3— 13th Sept @ 2.40 pm
Year 4— 14th Sept @ 9.00 am
Year 5— 17th Sept @9.00 am
Year 6— 17th Sept @ 2.45 pm

Reception —Phonics and Reading meeting— 22nd Sept @ 2.15—3pm

Breakfast Club.

I am aware of the need for a breakfast club for the children at Arnett Hills. This is not something we can get going straight away and the current building situation causes an added difficulty of where to place the children. If they were to be in the school hall, then this would impact on other morning clubs. We are unable to give a time frame around when a breakfast club may start, which I know causes some frustrations for you. As soon as we are able, we will share information with you.

Clubs.

School clubs will start the week beginning 13th and further information will follow.

