

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Date 15 February 2019

I hope you have all had a good start to the term. We have certainly been busy in school and hopefully you have been hearing all about the different topics your child has been learning.

Staffing

The Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Denise Kennedy has accepted the post of Interim Head Teacher, starting after Easter.

Mrs Kennedy says:

I have spent the last two terms as Interim Head at a large Primary school in Kenton as well as a consultant supporting the leadership teams across schools in Hertfordshire. Prior to this, I was a Head Teacher for four years in a school in Hemel Hempstead.

I am certain from my first impressions, that Potten End is the perfect choice for me to lead as Interim Head teacher, as already I have been tremendously impressed by the whole school, especially the children and staff. Every time I step into the school, I am welcomed by a sea of smiley faces, each desperate to learn and immensely proud of their school. This includes the staff!

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all at the start of the Summer term.

We all look forward to welcoming Mrs Kennedy to our amazing school.

The governors will be sending a more informative letter next half term but we were anxious to let everybody know, as soon as we did!

We are also very pleased to say that Mrs Jordanna McGill is now working during the afternoon in Reception.

Behaviour

Thank you to everyone who came to the information sessions that were held recently and reinforced our school expectations, at home. This has been a key focus for us and I am sure by now you have heard all about our three school rules and the Potten End Way! This compliments the various strategies we have put in place at lunch times including the zoning of the playground.

Wonder Wood

The school continues to focus on outdoor learning, no matter what the weather, and there have been some great activities occurring so far this term in our wonderful Wonder Wood. Thank you to our generous volunteers and FOS who continue to support this.

Request

A polite reminder from me regarding the use of social media including WhatsApp. Please can we remind everybody that if you have any concerns, you contact the appropriate person within school. The appropriate contacts were detailed in a letter sent to all parents/carers (a copy of which is available on our website). In addition, all parents/carers were asked to read and sign the school's Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement during parent consultations in the Autumn Term. Negative postings about school, members of staff or pupils, in any context, can impact on the reputation of the school as a whole.

Off-site

Please can I also remind parents/carers that, when in uniform, pupils can still be identified as a member of the Potten End CofE school community even if they are offsite. This includes times when pupils might be at the local park. Therefore please could we ask that all pupils behave in an appropriate way that reflects the good reputation of the school.

Enjoy your half term!

Louisa Ingram
Head Teacher