



Steeple Claydon School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to a new school year tomorrow and the teachers have been in school over the last few days getting everything ready for a smooth start. Please find a new risk assessment attached which reflects the changes to government guidance regarding Coronavirus measures, many of which have ended. Please read this document carefully as it has changed significantly.

The most urgent thing to note is that the school gates will now be opened at 8.40am as they used to be and children should arrive by 8.50am. Reception and Y1 children will gather on the KS1 playground to be collected by their teacher at 8.50am initially. All other year groups should walk straight round to the outside door of their classrooms as they did last year. At the end of the day, children will exit using the same routes as last year but EYFS and KS1 will all finish at 3.15 and KS2 at 3.20pm. For more details, please read the risk assessment. Please be reassured that staff will be on hand outside in the first few days to ensure you know where to go!

There have been two other developments over the holidays which unfortunately means a couple of members of staff we were expecting to start the year with us will not be able to. Firstly, Miss Davies is still, on medical advice, going to remain absent from school while she makes a full recovery from her operation. I am very grateful to Mrs Dowman (Mon-Wed) and Mrs O'Neil (Thurs-Fri) (pictured below) who are both very experienced teachers and will be stepping in to teach Year One for the first few weeks of term until Miss Davies is able to return. I have included their pictures so Year One parents and children know who to look out for on the playground in the mornings and are reassured that they are both lovely. Obviously, we would have preferred to notify you of this news sooner but it has not been possible.

Also, Mrs George has accepted a job elsewhere over the holidays with the required notice period having been 'worked' before the new term starts. We are sad that this means we are not able to give Ellen the thanks and recognition she deserves for the many years of hard work and commitment she has given to the school and our children. Mrs Pollock (who taught Y2 for a while last year) will be teaching in Nursery on Mondays and Thursday mornings, starting next week, when Mrs Tapping is not teaching and Mrs Eggleton will be covering additional teaching assistant responsibilities while we recruit a replacement.

We are very much hoping that this year will be a little more 'normal' and that we will, in time, be able to welcome you all into the building more regularly so you feel more fully a part of our community and your child's education once again. Please don't hesitate to get in touch or stop and chat outside school if you have any questions or comments!

Yours sincerely,

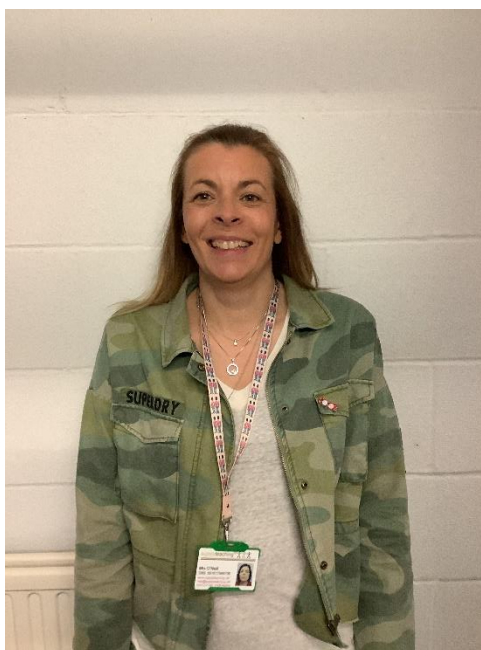
Christine Richards



Temporary Teachers in Year 1:



Mrs Jeni Dowman (Mon-Wed)



Mrs Loretta O'Neil (Thurs-Fri)

