

Lydgate School

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back!

Welcome particularly to our new starters, including the group who have moved across from Longley (now Woodley). I can see how well most of them have settled in already and they are proving to be a great addition to our school. Please feel free to contact us if you have any worries or concerns.

Welcome too, to all our new staff. Paul Evans has joined us as Deputy Headteacher, but another commitment has taken him away for two weeks: congratulations to him and his wife for baby Lily born on 21st September! Two other teachers have joined us, Alistair Maccabe with Fox Class and Simon Lowe with Willow Class. Then we have a number of new ETAs: Kirsty Brook in Badger Class; Jackie Stead in Hedgehog Class; Rebekka Bojanowski in Maple Class; Debra Short in Willow Class; Zoe Farran in Cedar Class; and Michelle Doyle supporting pupils with social and emotional difficulties. I have to say I think we have a great team.

As you know, we should have moved into our new provision by now. Instead we are still at Lydgate with more pupils than the school was meant to hold. Happily, we have received strong support from the Local Authority. We could not have coped with the extra pupils if we had not had the modular classrooms installed. We also had some issues around safety and security. Because of this the Local Authority installed electronic gates. Although this may seem like a waste of money for the two terms we have left here, children's safety and our ability to function is paramount. This is especially true as we face our big relocation. The process will take careful management. I recently went to visit the site of the new school and work is well under way - see the pictures on the back.



I have to say congratulations to our outgoing Y11 who left with a fine clutch of accreditation, including GCSEs for a few in Art and one in Maths, Entry Levels in a range of subjects, ASDAN Personal Progress Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards for one group. Well done! We are very proud of them and wish them well.

Mrs Rogers

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Autumn Term

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Notice Board

Diary Dates

October

21 Break up for half term

31 Back to school

December

16 Break up for Christmas holiday

January 2017

3 Inset day - school closed to pupils

4 Back to school

February

17 Break up for half term

27 Back to school



Milk & Dinner Money Reminder

Dinner money is now £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week). Milk money is £11 per term. All money to school should be paid via Parent Pay. If you have any problems please contact school.

SOUTHGATE NEWS

Pictures of work in progress!

