CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

HEADTEACHER Update

Dear Parents, carers and members of our community,

This is my second update of term and it's been a busy week already with lots of exciting and interesting news and information to pass on. It has been a pleasure to deliver collective worship twice this week and see how well children have understood the topic of rebuilding and starting the school year. On Monday we talked about rebuilding relationships, confidence, understanding and routines and the children have really shown this well in their learning and attitude to lessons during the week.

We finished the week in collective worship by celebrating how well we had done this and it was great to see the school values of **Courage, respect, love and Kononia** being shown across the school. Well done to all of those who got 'Star of the week' in each class.

Miss Pepper and myself were also able to celebrate our first 'Stars of the week' for exemplifying those values as we spent time in classrooms across the school. Well done to Ava and Harrison who took home our weekly trophy and will gain an invite to an afternoon tea later this half term with us. Another big well done to all those who gained a Numbots or TT Rockstar certificate this week for their practice at school and also at home. A quick reminder that this work at home has been shown to have a huge impact on the maths ability seen in lessons and at key assessment points. Please continue to support your children with this learning at home and ask teachers if you need support in doing so.

It has also been a pleasure to join Mrs Howarth and the preschool team in as many 'Parent and Pupil Meet and Greets' as I could. The excitement of the children starting in our preschool has been a pleasure to see and we hope they enjoyed their gifts of small versions of our 'soon to arrive' School bears called Henry and Mary. We still have places in our superb preschool setting and would encourage you to share this with friends, relatives and other members of the local community. We are very proud of the impact this makes on the learning and confidence of children as they move through the CASA journey.

We would like to inform you of some staffing updates. I will start by welcoming back Mrs Victoria Byrne who will be working across the school to support teachers statutory planning, provision and assessment (PPA) times as well as allowing leaders to develop areas of the

school. Many of the children will know Mrs Byrne already from her time in Juniper class last school year. It is a pleasure to welcome her back to the CASA team.

We have received some exciting news from Mrs Charter-Key, who works in our preschool about the arrival of her new baby girl. We hope to meet her soon. We were also lucky last week to have a visit from Miss Wittering who came to introduce us to her daughter. Continuing the exciting baby news – Miss Bircumshaw would like to share that she is expecting her first baby in December and will be leaving us on maternity leave at that point - we are all very excited for the arrival of another staff baby. Miss Timms has been in contact with me and would like to share that her operation has gone well and she is happy to be starting on her recovery journey. I will keep you updated on her progress. My Last staffing update is a sad one for the school but also an exciting opportunity for one of our members of staff. Mrs. Howorth has successfully completed the application process to work with a nationally recognised government agency that inspects and monitors schools and she will take up this post at Christmas. While we will be sad to see her leave, we understand the skills and support she will provide to a very wide range of schools and the education system.

I would like to tell you a small amount about an exciting project we will be working on throughout the school year to build our relationship with the local community and church. We will be creating a school Alumni to help understand the history of the school and its part in the local community and relation with All Saints Church. We will shortly be sending out more information with regards to this and how past pupils can share photos and stories of their time at the school. We will also be meeting with local historians, past staff and members of the local council and community groups to support this. We will be starting this with a meeting with our local MP this week who has asked to come and visit the school and find out more about our work. We will also be asking him how he can support the school in the work he completes. We hope to end the project at the end of the school year with a timeline and vinyl display in our corridor that shares these moments in history.

To finish this update, I would like to ask for your support at picking up and dropping off time in our playground so that all adults, children and staff are kept safe. It is a very busy place and I'm sure you'll understand when I ask that you keep your children with you rather than allowing them to run around playing and climbing on equipment. This will ensure the safety of everybody at this busiest time of the school day.

Kind Regards



Mr Ray