



# Newsletter

June 2021

## Getting involved

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our first Parent Working Party. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th September at 5pm here at school. All welcome.



## End of term activities

Whilst I understand that you are disappointed to hear that transition days for pupils to visit their new schools will not take place this year and that Sports Day will not involve parents on site, I wanted to provide you with some contextual data which I hope will help you to understand why these decisions have been made. Covid cases in Telford and Wrekin are rising. The week before last 8 settings had Covid cases, and last week 16 settings were affected, resulting in over 600 pupils and staff needing to self isolate. The local authority message is for end of term activities to be as virtual as possible. We will be sharing virtual secondary visits with our year 6 pupils and have made our own video for our new reception parents on our website. This year children will be meeting their new teacher socially distanced outside so as not to miss out completely. We will make sure we share lots of photos and videos on dojo of our sports day activities. We know that it's not quite the same but we hope this helps you to feel involved.

## School Council Achievements



Our children ventured out into our local community this week to pick up litter they had noticed on their way to school.

## Community Defibrillator update

We recently had a surprising donation from Aqueduct Little Learners who had organised a sponsored assault course to raise money and help us to get a little closer to our target. As we have not spent some school money we usually put aside to partially fund additional summer term activities, the rest of the money will be provided by school. This means that a defibrillator will be coming soon! We will invite all who have contributed to a grand opening before the end of term. A great example of how our children are 'Building Tomorrow, Leading the Way'.

## Staffing news

As some of you may be aware, Miss Cadwallader will be returning on Monday 5th July following her maternity leave. Miss Russell, who has been teaching class 5 this year will sadly be leaving us on Friday 2nd July. Miss Russell's class reports will go out early whilst she is here and can share these with parents. All the remaining reports will go out during the week beginning 12th July.

Miss Bethanie Ellis who has been with us in a variety of capacities but this year has been a trainee teacher in year 3&4 has completed her degree and secured a permanent teaching position in Birmingham starting in September.

Miss Hannah Owens who has been a trainee teacher in KSI has also secured a teaching position at Wombridge Primary starting in September.

Miss Amanda Crossley has decided that as her children are older, now is a good time for her to return to the manufacturing industry she previously worked in and will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Carolyn Wheatley has also decided that now is a good time to retire. She has worked in the school office for 21 years and has been a great asset to our team. She has been working hard to pass on her wealth of knowledge to Mrs Rachel Partridge over the past few weeks.

I am sure you will join us in wishing these staff members luck for their next exciting adventure.

## Wellbeing in school



As a school, we have completed 2 surveys with our children to obtain their voice on wellbeing. Following the first survey in Autumn, we set targets for each class to focus on responses to some of the scores given. Following analysis of the survey, each class tailored learning that addressed their concerns and worries. Recently we asked the children to complete the same survey and were delighted with the outcome:

- In all questions the number of positive responses given by the children increased.
- All of the targets set were met and the responses given increased in positivity for each area.

## Safeguarding at Aqueduct

Thank you for the supportive parent comments fed back to the school about the Safeguarding lessons that have taken place, these included age appropriate learning about different types of harassment and bullying, such as homophobic, cyber bullying and racism. We are forever looking at ways to develop our safeguarding procedures and welcome feedback.