

7th September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming our new reception children and helping them to settle into school during this week. I am settling in too!

It was really good to take my first assembly and meet the children last Thursday. I have been looking forward to the day since my appointment last October. I am fortunate to be working with such a talented, enthusiastic and caring staff in an outstanding school. The challenge to maintain this highly regarded status is just what I was looking for and I am keen to work with everyone in creating our new school development plan which will take us forward. We will be seeking your views shortly, as to what you would like us to work upon next.

These are exciting and challenging times as we prepare our children for technologies and jobs which haven't been created yet. Consequently we need to develop the key areas of creativity, imagination, cultural and environmental awareness, cutting edge ICT skills, and healthy living. We will be encouraged to work even more closely with other schools locally and I am keen to further develop virtual and where possible first hand links with schools in others countries and continents.

One of the really positive outcomes of the latest technology is our ability to develop virtual learning environments (VLE). These VLE's allow us to communicate effectively and extend cultural links to form positive working relationships with staff and pupils across the globe. I am confident that the staff will continue their focus on each individual child to ensure everyone makes the best possible educational progress.

I am grateful to Mrs Romero who ensured that I have all the information I need before she retired. I know you will wish her well in the next exciting stage of her life. Mrs Romero was able to complete the new school brochure for 2009/10 and I am pleased to send you a copy with this letter. I hope you find it interesting and useful. Can I draw your attention to pages 9 and 17 in particular? You can help save precious learning time by ensuring your child is fully equipped and familiar with the partnership agreement.

Please find attached a copy of the diary dates for this term.

I look forward to our further successes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen Burton
Headteacher