

Dear parents/carers

RE: STAFFING UPDATE

It has been an exciting start to the new school year and we're delighted with the learning of the children. There is a growing sense of confidence amongst the children as they begin to realise they really can achieve whatever they put their mind to. In the words of one recent visitor: 'there is a lovely atmosphere in this school; calm and industrious; pupils were learning and really enjoy doing so.'

One of the key influences in turning St. Cuthbert's into a wonderful place to send your children has been the hard work and commitment of school staff. And there have been few more committed than our Year 4/5 class teacher, Mrs Hawley.

It is therefore with a sense of sadness, but also congratulation, that we announce Mrs Hawley will be leaving us in January to take up a new post closer to home on the west coast. This new position will offer her the chance to experience exciting new opportunities and challenges.

We're sure you will join us in extending sincere thanks for Mrs Hawley, who has been a dedicated servant of St. Cuthbert's during her time here, organising school events and ensuring the children have the kinds of opportunities that help turn our school into the excellent school it is today.

NEW ARRIVALS

As you know, we're committed to offering the best education we possibly can.

As such, we're delighted to be able to announce that Mrs Helen Sheridan will be replacing Mrs Hawley from January.

The children already know Mrs Sheridan as she has worked with the school for over a year as a Specialist Lead in Education (SLE). Mrs Sheridan is a Maths specialist, an accomplished musician and a published author, having written dozens of textbooks on Maths and Spelling. She has also sat on various national committees looking at improving standards in primary education. She comes with an excellent reputation and outstanding track record and is committed to helping St. Cuthbert's continue its exciting journey. We're delighted to welcome her into the school community.

Once again, we thank Mrs Hawley for her tireless contribution to the school over the years and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Many thanks all for your continuing support,

Kindest regards,

Chris Wilkins