



Cuffley School

NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

25th March 2021

Good Bye and Good Luck!

Staff News

As many of you already know – and will remember from our last newsletter – **Adam Gatrad** – leaves us this week to take up the challenge of headship in Wolverhampton. Over the past six years he has made a fantastic contribution to Cuffley and your children will have benefitted from both his teaching and the initiatives he has led on and been an integral part of. We wish him every success as a new Headteacher.

Lauretta Baker has been our School Business Manager for the last four years. She joined us from a banking background and over the last four years she has fully immersed herself in school life, managing the administrative functions, catering provision and site. We would like to thank her for all she has done and we wish her well as she steps up into a more senior Business Manager role at a local academy.

Another goodbye goes to **Martin West** who has been with us for the last twenty-five years! Over the years, Martin has become part of the very fabric of Cuffley. He has mainly been based in Key Stage 2 and he has attended numerous trips and residentials with our children, always making each visit special. He is the warmest and friendliest man and Cuffley will miss his good humour and smile. However, retirement beckons and it is a well-deserved one.

A final goodbye, this one to **Cheryl Waller**, a long-standing member of our midday supervisory team. After many, many years of lunchtime service, she, too, is retiring. We would like to thank Cheryl for her years of loyal service.

Recruitment is currently underway for all posts and we will be back to full capacity soon.

The End of an Unusual Term

The children returned to school with true enthusiasm after the long lockdown and it has been lovely having them all back. They have settled well and we have been observing their learning and undertaking internal assessments. The assessments will inform our planning, teaching and learning for the next term, which will be so important for our children.

We are **not** talking about catch up at Cuffley. Catching up implies falling behind. Many of our children fully accessed remote learning and were well-supported at home. Many have kept up! We are looking at where children are with their learning and their next steps. We can see that reading, along with stamina for writing and spelling, will be key areas to address.

Reports

Reports for this academic year should be with you by now. Please let us know straight away if you have not received yours. These are based on what we know about the children both from the Autumn Term and from the period of partial school closure. In terms of age-related expectations, children may not be where you might expect them to be – that is OK. It is not a surprise given the year that they have had. But we are working hard with them and hopefully will get them fully back on track. You will have an opportunity to meet with teachers in the summer term to discuss progress.

Magic Moment

Monday 8th March – enough said.

Payment deadline dates

School Dinners Now

(Please remember to keep your balance in credit as school dinner money is due in advance. Thank you).

Nursery additional 11th April 2021
session fees

What's On

26.03.21 **END OF TERM**
 1:30pm finish

12.04.21 **INSET Day**

13.04.21 **Children return to school**
 at normal times

16.04.21 Reception places
 allocation day

31.05.21- **HALF TERM**
04.05.21