

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been an absolute delight to have the children back in school after their summer break and to have the school operating a bit more normally after so many months of restrictions due to Covid. The children seem to have settled back into school routines very well and there is a very positive, calm and happy atmosphere all across school. The children have quickly got down to business and are already showing some excellent learning skills and great teamwork in the classroom.

## **Who's Who?**

I would like to say a special 'hello and welcome' to any parents of children who are new to school, including those joining school for the first time in our Bear Cub and Fox Cub Reception classes. I would like to introduce the school Senior leadership Team to you all:



### **Mrs Meek – Headteacher**

Mrs Meek is responsible for the overall leadership and management of the school, working closely with Mr Goodwin and Miss Wilmshurst to ensure the school runs smoothly from day and planning school developments.



### **Mr Goodwin- Assistant Headteacher**

Mr Goodwin is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and as such is responsible for student safety across the school. He is also the school's assessment lead.



### **Miss S Wilmshurst – Assistant Headteacher**

Miss Wilmshurst is responsible for the Curriculum provision across school as well as the quality of Teaching and Learning. She is also a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.



### **Mrs D Gale- SENDCo**

Mrs Gale's role in school is to support the learning of pupils with special educational needs. She is also our Inclusion lead and manages a pastoral team that include services that support both pupils and parents. Mrs Gale is also a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

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## **Mrs R Forgan- Lower Phase leader**

Mrs Forgan is one of our Year 3 teachers and the leader of the Lower Phase in school - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. As always, class teachers are the first contact point for parents but Mrs Forgan is also a point of contact for parent of pupils in the Lower Phase.



## **Mrs S Stannard- Upper Phase leader**

Mrs Stannard is one of our Year 6 teachers and the leader of the Upper Phase in school - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. As always, class teachers are the first contact point for parents but Mrs Stannard is also a point of contact for parent of pupils in the Upper Phase.

## **Assemblies, celebrations and Awards**

We look forward to inviting parents and carers back to school to join us for our weekly celebration assemblies on a Friday morning. This year, Upper Phase and Lower phase will celebrate their learning in assemblies in the main hall on alternate weeks to enable us to gather safely and invite parents and carers in to help us celebrate. If your child has been recognised by their teacher to be awarded the 'Star Learner' certificate, you will be invited into school to watch them collect their award. This will be at 9.15 in the main hall and we insist that you wait on the playground/outside until 9.15 am, that you sanitise hands before entering the school building and wear a face mask in the building and throughout the assembly. We also ask that only invited parents/carers attend.

Here are the Star Learners from the Upper Phase this week:

Nurgul H	Year 6 SS
Deya T	Year 6 LJ
Muhammad F	Year 5 SR
AJ D	Year 5 RH
Dolly G	Year 4 RO'
Alison O	Year 4 KP

## **Class Presentation Assemblies**

We are also excited to be able to resume Class Presentations which will be hosted on various Friday mornings across the year. This gives children chance to share their learning with their parents and carers. There will be opportunity for each class to showcase their learning at least once in the year - if not more. This term's Class Presentation dates are below starting with Miss Redmond's class in a few weeks' time!

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01/10/2021	Year 5 SR
08/10/2021	Year 3 BF
22/10/2021	Year 4 RO'
05/11/2021	Year 6 LJ
19/11/2021	Year 1 MS
26/11/2021	Year 5 RH
03/12/2021	Year 3 CB
10/12/2021	Year 4 KP

## **National Coding week**

At Pilgrim we are committed to developing our pupils' computing skills and using technology to support our learning. As this week is National Coding week, Mr Murray, our computing specialist teacher, has engaged pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 in a variety of Coding lessons which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Some pupils are now keen to become the computer programmers of the future!

## **Afterschool Extra- Curricular Clubs**

We are pleased to offer a range of clubs again this term. Please be advised that sign up for clubs will begin next week and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. More details will follow on Monday so please look out for our communication.

## **Learning Themes**

Today you will have also received your child's Theme Learning overview enabling you to know what they will be learning in school this term. You should also have received a Knowledge Organiser sheet, containing key knowledge and vocabulary your child will need to learn for this subject. A parent information letter, setting out key start of the year information for your child's class should also have arrived home today. It is a lot of paper so if you are missing any of these please see your class teacher!

## **Dates for the Diary**

15/10/2021	Harvest Festival
25/09/2021	Half term
01/11/2021	Non pupil day
17/12/2021	Last day of Autumn term

Have a great weekend everyone and see you on Monday

Lisa Meek