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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow it's hot! Thank you for all your work with us as we manage the highest ever temperatures in the U.K. The children have been brilliant in school this week. We expect the temperatures to return to normal Summer days from tomorrow.

Climate change is something we have all got to focus on before it is too late to reverse these extreme weather events.

As we come to the end of the school year it is the 3rd year that has been extraordinary and challenging for our community. Covid is still with us and the recovery from Covid will take some time. This is a priority for Florence school in September, with what we hope is a year that will be finding a new normal: Parents back in school for lots of events; more walks and trips; improved outcomes back to the high levels we were achieving before Covid, and parent helpers in our classrooms.

HELLO'S



We would like to welcome Miss Thwaites our Reception teacher, Miss Evans our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Froggatt our Year 4 teacher, and Miss Ralph our Year 5 teacher. We also welcome Mrs Gillett who has joined us as a Senior Teaching Assistant, Mr Lawley who returns to us as our Senior Site Manager, and Mrs Scott who is our new Care Assistant.

GOODBYE'S



We have a few goodbyes, which whilst sad, are part of people's journeys and also come with good news and opportunities.

Mrs Robinson leaves us this week for an exciting venture. Mrs Robinson has been at our school for over 20 years and worked with so many children and families. Now she is going to University and we are all very proud of her!



Mrs Martin left our school this term and we wish her well for the future.

Miss Barlow will be leaving this week taking a break from teaching as she decides her next challenge. Miss Barlow is an excellent teacher and, who knows, maybe she will return to us!

Mrs Smith also leaves this week to join a school closer to home, we wish her well and thank her for driving such a long way all these years!

Mrs Honour is also leaving us, for a new role out of schools, good luck in your new adventure.

Congratulations go to Miss Grice on completing her two year teacher training. Miss Grice is now a fully fledged teacher and has a teaching job in Nottinghamshire ready for September. Good luck in your new school.

Mr Ross has an amazing globe trot planned as he leaves us this week to take up a teaching job...in...China! I hope you have been listening to Miss Jin's Mandarin lessons. You are always welcome back!

Congratulations to Miss Rigby on completing her apprenticeship in Early Years. She plans to work in Canada for a while, what an amazing opportunity.

Mrs Maddock is staying with the Trust but will be moving across to the central office to work with the Schools Team, supporting all our academies. She will still be working in Florence 2 days a week until half term.

Headteacher News

The last two years Florence Nightingale have been part of White Hills Park Trust and we have played a key role in growing White Hills Park and supporting the primary addition.

From September, I will be working full time as The White Hills Trust CSO (Chief Schools Officer) working alongside Dr Heery our CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and Mr Macdonald our COO (Chief Operations Officer) overseeing the leadership and running of all our schools, and specifically ensuring quality education is the priority.



I will remain 1 day a week as Executive Headteacher supporting The Florence Nightingale and Mrs Baxter during this transition year.

Mrs Baxter will become the Headteacher of Florence from September, for one year. After working as Head of School, Mrs Baxter is more than ready to take on this new role and I am very proud of watching her journey from being one of my newly qualified teachers, to our new Headteacher. Mrs Baxter and myself share the same core values of education. Everybody can achieve, the children always come first, and our community is who we serve. I know she will look after you all.

This will be reviewed in the summer term 2023.

Personally, I am looking forward to being able to make a difference to more children and be a leader at the Trust. But there is a sadness too in leaving my Florence family, even if only for a year.

After 13 years as your Headteacher, I am very attached to the best school and community in the universe! I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being part of our TEAM!



We finish school at 3.15pm on Friday 22nd July 2022 and school opens for children at 8.45am on Thursday 1st September 2022.

Please stay safe and please remember we are here for you over the break. If you need support with anything, please email office@theflorence.academy

Have a lovely summer.

Mrs J Sainsbury
Executive Headteacher and Primary Director.

