



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
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Tuesday 12th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have some staff changes coming up, which I'd like to share with you.

You will, I'm sure, have noticed that ***Mrs Sophie Burton*** has been getting a little bit bigger recently. She is expecting her first child very soon - the very best of early Christmas presents! Mrs Burton will continue to teach up until Friday 29th November, when she will start her maternity leave.

Finding the right replacement has taken some time, but I am very pleased to say that ***Mr Robin Adkins*** will be taking over the class from Monday 16th December and will be seeing Y6B through SATs and to the end of the year. Mr Adkins is an experienced teacher and we are looking forward to him joining the team.

He will not be available, however, for the weeks beginning Monday 2nd December and Monday 9th December, as he has to honour his current commitments. For those two weeks ***Mrs Vicky Jamieson*** will be in to cover the class. She is a regular teacher at YWCPS and knows our school well.

We all wish Mrs Burton all the very best and look forward to meeting the new addition.

In other news, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to ***Mrs Rebekah Chappelow***, who is relocating up to West Yorkshire. Mrs Chappelow has been with us for a little over 2 years and has had a tremendous impact as Early Years' SEND Coordinator. She has worked incredibly hard to establish the Rainbow Room, supporting some of the schools' most vulnerable pupils and also working with their families to ensure that their voices are heard. She has also supported the teaching and learning in Early Years and Y1. Mrs Chappelow will be sorely missed in January and we have loved having her as part of our team.

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Mrs Chappelow's successor made it through the short-listing and interview process just before half term. We are very pleased to be welcoming ***Mrs Claire Taylor*** as the new Assistant SENDCo and we are confident that she will build upon the great work of Mrs Chappelow.

I am also very pleased to say that ***Miss Katie Palmer*** will be returning to school at the end of this term. Her maternity leave is coming to an end and I know that staff, parents and children will be keen to welcome her back. That year seemed to go quickly!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Turner".

Ben Turner
Head Teacher