

4th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

STAFFING UPDATE

Wow! We have had amazing start to Term 5 and it is wonderful to see staff and children planning for and enjoying more of our 'normal' summer activities.

The Senior Leadership Team have also started planning for the next academic year and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some exciting staffing updates. I am delighted to let you know that our Heads of School from September 2022 will be:

- Bourne Abbey – Mr Peter Bellamy (currently Acting Head of School at Bourne Elsea Park)
- Bourne Elsea Park – Mrs Rachael Skidmore (currently non-teaching Deputy Head at Bourne Abbey)
- Colsterworth – Mrs Sarah Croxall (currently Assistant Head and Year 6 teacher at Colsterworth)

We are thrilled to have been able to internally promote, following a rigorous interview process, talented leaders who will each bring a wealth of experience to their new roles and I know you will join me in saying a huge congratulations to Mr Bellamy, Mrs Skidmore and Mrs Croxall on their appointments. All three Heads of School will continue to work collaboratively across our family of schools.

Other exciting news is that from September, Mrs Megan Shears, currently non-teaching Deputy Head at Bourne Abbey, will be Abbey Academies Trust's 'Director of Curriculum and Standards'. Mrs Shears will continue to drive our already stunning curriculum across our schools and monitor its impact to ensure our children fly high and reach their true potential whilst continuing to develop exceptional CPD for all staff.

Additionally, some of you will already be aware that Mrs Alison Simpson, Reception teacher at Bourne Elsea Park, retired from teaching last week. However, we are delighted that she is to become Abbey Academies Trust's 'Director of Church Distinctiveness' on a part-time basis. This role has been created to provide leadership in the ongoing development and improvement of RE, Collective Worship and Church distinctiveness, ensuring the maintenance of our already high standards and that **all** continue to flourish.

Finally in terms of the Senior Leadership Team, we have appointed two fabulous new non-teaching Deputy Heads for Bourne Abbey from September 2022, Mr Paul Houghton and Mr Andy Whiteway. Both are already non-teaching Deputy Heads and are relocating to the area. We look forward to welcoming them to the Abbey Academies Trust family from the start of the new academic year.

Some Bourne Abbey parents and carers will already be aware that Miss Helen Bergmann, EYFS and Phonics Lead and Assistant Head, is having a baby. Miss Bergmann will begin her maternity leave at the end of the academic year and we are delighted to have been able to appoint Miss Eleanor Thompson as EYFS Leader with Phonics Lead responsibilities for EYFS and KS1. Miss Thompson comes to us with excellent references and a wealth of experience in similar roles and will spend some transition days with us in Term 6 before joining us in September.

Our remaining teaching and support staff plans will be formulated over the next two months and details of class teachers for academic year 2022-2023 will be provided with pupils' annual reports on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

We are very excited about the future for Abbey Academies Trust but, in the meantime, if you have any question or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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