

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Pathways Parents Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the first of many newsletters you will receive from me, on a regular basis, as a way of sharing information and celebrating achievements at our school.

I feel that I must start by telling you how honoured and privileged I feel to be the new Headteacher of Pathways Primary Academy. I have spent much of my time visiting classes and chatting with the children, who have impressed me greatly by their warmth and enthusiasm. I have found them to be polite, confident and extremely welcoming. Currently I am finding all the names a bit of a challenge but hope it won't be too long before I master all 528 of them!

I can assure you that I will work extremely hard along with all my colleagues to ensure that our children receive the best possible education. I would like to take this opportunity say what a fantastic job Mr. Walton has done to move our school forward during his time as Principal at Pathways. I am sure that you would all like to wish Mr. Walton the best in his new post, as head of an academy in Halifax. Rest assured that I intend to build upon his achievements and move the school on to even greater success in the coming years.

I know that some parents are concerned about the current turnover of staff at Pathways but be assured that I am working extremely hard to ensure that the school has a stable staffing structure for September with high quality teachers in place to ensure that our children have a great start to the new academic year.

I have been very pleased to meet many parents on my frequent wanders across the playground, and the support and encouragement I have received has made this week particularly enjoyable. If you see a strange man hanging around the school grounds, take pity and come and have a chat to me. Oh yes, I've also been sorting out my office, although if you saw it you wouldn't think so.

I thought that I might tell you a bit about myself. Firstly, I'm a Yorkshire lad, and grew up on council estate in Leeds. I've been teaching for 30 years and Pathways Primary Academy is my fourth headship. My previous headships were all in Leeds. My wife, Deb, is the headteacher of a large primary school in Leeds and I have a son, Callum, who is 23 years old and lives and works in London (proud dad.)

Coffee Mornings

In order to meet parents and provide the opportunity for a friendly chat, I will be holding informal coffee mornings / afternoons next week on:

Tuesday 20th June at 9.00am

Wednesday 21st June at 9.00am

Thursday 22nd June at 4.30pm

Please feel free to come along for a cup of coffee or tea, biscuits and a chat.
I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and working together to ensure your children have a happy and successful time at Pathways Primary Academy.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me or pop into the coffee morning.

Yours sincerely,



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