

ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



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'It Really Does Matter'

6th July 2022

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is our school transition day where all of the children get to meet their new teacher(s) for September. This is an exciting time yet we also understand that it can be a slightly worrying time for children and adults alike. We will always do everything we can to help the children settle into their new class smoothly.

As we look forward to the future, we are sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff members at the end of term:

Miss Ellie Lee is moving to sunnier climes and will be taking up a teaching job in Dubai from September. We wish her well for her adventure and I must admit that I do have a tinge of jealousy! I am sure it will be a great experience.

Mr Joe Dewhurst is sadly (and reluctantly) leaving us to teach in a school nearer to his home. Mr Dewhurst has been with us for 3 years and will be sorely missed.

After 26 years in teaching, **Mrs Sandie Duggan** has decided to try something a bit different outside of education. We wish her all the best.

Miss Millie Webb has been successful in gaining promotion to a leadership role in a Southampton school. We are sure she will do well in her new role.

New Teachers

We have a number of new teachers joining us:

- Mr Matt McConnell
- Miss Molly Lowe
- Miss Shannon Bennett
- Mr Jacob Sheath

All of our new teachers will be in school tomorrow and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them into the Abbotswood community. I can guarantee that they will be as nervous as your children tomorrow!

Leavers – other staff

Mr Martin Gillet, our caretaker, will be leaving us at the end of this week. Please wish him well if you see him on the gate this week.

Lastly, two of the school's longest members of staff will be retiring at the end of this term.

- **Mrs Chris Bland-Flagg** has been a loyal servant to the school for 22 years and, although we wish her a happy retirement, we say goodbye with an element of sadness. Mrs Bland-Flagg is certainly one of the nicest people I have ever met.
- Lastly, **Mrs Bev Bravery**, our ELSA, will be retiring after helping your children (and maybe some of you) for 24 years. She has worked tirelessly to support children and I know that her support will have touched many children's lives.

Teaching Staff for September 2022

Year Group	Teacher	Class Name
Year 3	Mr Ed Humphries (Year 3 Leader)	3EH
	Miss Cat Gonzalez & Mrs Debbie Everett	3GE
	Miss Lucia DiMaiolo	3LD
	Miss Shannon Bennett	3SB
	Miss Emily Jordan	3EJ
Year 4	Mr Luke McCoy (Year 4 Leader)	4LM
	Miss Holly Wilson	4HW
	Mr Ben Perry	4BP
	Mrs Rachel Darby	4RD
	Miss Molly Lowe	4ML
	Mr Paul Cox	4PC
Year 5	Miss Michelle Dunning (Year 5 Leader)	5MD
	Mr Matt McConnell	5MM
	Mrs Abby Attfield	5AA
	Mrs Mel Lavelle (formerly Clarke)	5ML
	Mr Sam Swift	5SS
Year 6	Mrs Sophie Vigar (Year 5/6 Phase Leader)	6VH
	Mrs Jemma Hatfield	
	Miss Kerri Parkinson	6KP
	Mr Sam Williams	6SW
	Miss Amy Biddlecombe	6AB
	Miss Amelia Patten	6AP
	Mr James Shotter	6JS
Additional Teachers	Mrs Alison Smith	Cookery & Cover Teacher
	Mrs Katie Shimman	Cover Teacher
	Mrs Jo Munsie	Cover Teacher
	Mr Jacob Sheath	Cover Teacher
	Mrs Kathryn Button	Music & Cover Teacher
	Miss Rebecca White	Art & Cover Teacher
	Mr Mark Morgan	Sports Coach and PE Leader
	Mr Mitch Parker	Sports Coach
	Mr Chris Flood	Sports Coach

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Moore
Headteacher