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Dear Parent/Carers,

As the end of term approaches and my imminent departure is looming I thought I would take the opportunity to inform you of the staffing changes that would be taking place during the summer term. As I am sure you are all now aware Tina Clarke has been appointed as Headteacher. Tina comes from a smaller school near Selby and she is an experienced Head. Although it was a very challenging two days of interview, she emerged as the strongest candidate and has accepted this post. She has shown a commitment to preserving the warm and positive ethos, and to working in partnership with parents and all staff, building on the strengths of the school.

Sarah Dixon will be acting Headteacher for the summer term. You could not wish for a more capable person to lead the school in this period of change. Dani Rees has been appointed as Acting Deputy Head. Dani has tremendous leadership skills and has extensive experience of being on the Senior Leadership Team. Dani will teach for three days each week and one of our most capable and regular supply teachers, Josh Burnell, will teach in Y5/6 for two days. This will ensure there is some quality time for the leadership of the school during the summer term. To support Sarah as Headteacher, Lisa Solanki will take over the class teaching responsibilities in Y1/2 working with Dave Pennington. This will cause the least possible disruption to the continuity of teaching in Key Stage 1. Lisa is an experienced teacher and she has already been planning and preparing for this change in her role. Lisa will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday up to the Easter holidays to prepare the children for the transition and to allow Sarah and myself to prepare for handover. She will continue to lead SEN for three days each week. Dave Pennington will continue to lead on the PE and Sports developments. Sahar Dibden has been offered the opportunity to lead Key Stage 1 during the summer term. This will provide her with the chance to experience this role and she will become a part of the school's Senior Leadership Team for next term.

There is tremendous leadership strength in depth at Fishergate School and the newly appointed Headteacher will benefit greatly from this as she takes up her appointment. These staffing arrangements will ensure the least possible disruption to the teaching and learning and provide the school with strong and capable leadership during the time of change.

Thank you for your support during this term and I am very grateful to the Governing Body and staff during the past few weeks when there has been a lot of change.

In Need of Baby Clothes?

Mathew Douglas mum has a collection of brand new baby clothes from baby grows, vest, cardigans etc from new born upwards these would suit either boy or girl. Please do not hesitate to call/text Sara on 07932872311 for more information.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Carecent charity day on Friday 27th February. We donated approximately 400 food items (including 121 tins of beans!) and toiletries to this fantastic local charity. Nicky, from Carecent charity, came to collect the items and was astounded by how much we had donated. Your generosity shows what a caring and community-minded school Fishergate is. Thank you for your support and special thanks to those pupils and adults who helped out on the day.

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Friday 13th March

Children can come in Non Uniform for the day, a donation of £1.00 to charity, they can also do funny faces if they wish, (funny Glasses moustaches etc).

Best wishes

Andy Herbert

(Head teacher)