

Newsletter 4: 14th December 2016

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Christmas Activities 2016

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our recent Christmas activities. Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One productions were fantastic this year and all played to packed halls. Both our carol concerts were also superb this year and the children did us proud with their wonderful singing.

Our Christmas Fair was also really well attended and a great success. Thank you so much to our amazing 'Friends of Bricknell' who worked incredibly hard to put this together. We managed to raise almost £1000 for the school which is fantastic.

The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the Autumn Term and they have produced some super work so far this year. I have also been so impressed with the positive attitudes that we have seen this term. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and the children come back ready for more fun and hard work in the new year.

Leadership Developments

As you are aware, we ran a consultation earlier this term regarding the proposal for Bricknell and a group of other primary schools to join the Sirius Academy Multi Academy Trust. The response to this seemed very positive and it is therefore looking likely that the Trust will take on Bricknell and our other primary partners around Easter time. We will keep parents informed about this.

As the Trust will be taking on a group of primary schools, they have advertised for an Executive Primary Lead to oversee the work of the primary schools and to ensure that quality and standards in all the schools is of a high standard. I am writing to let you all know that I applied for this post and I have been successfully appointed to the role.

I will still be based here, retain statutory responsibility for Bricknell and continue to be heavily involved in our school but the role will involve me spending additional time in other schools in the partnership. Our Governors are committed to ensuring that our school continues to be led effectively on a day to day basis and therefore we will be appointing a Head of School to lead the day to day running of the school. From January, Miss Porter, our current Deputy and Head of Inclusion, has been appointed as Interim Head of School until the end of the Summer Term in the first instance. She will be supported by me as Executive Lead and Miss Waites as Deputy to ensure that the school continues to meet the high standards that you rightly expect from us.

From January, Miss Porter will be known as Mrs Stannard, as she is getting married over the Christmas holidays. She is very much looking forward to working with you all in her new role next term.

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