



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable festive break with your families. As we welcome in the new year, we are looking forward to continuing to work together to ensure the best for all the children in our school community.

Welcome to Our New Year 1 Teacher – Mrs Sarah Driver

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Driver to our school team. Mrs Driver will be teaching our Year 1 class on Monday and Tuesday up until the February half term, and from Monday 24th February, will then be working Monday to Thursday. Mrs Oliver will teach the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday up until the February half-term, and after the half-term break, will revert back to teaching the class on a Thursday afternoon and all day on Friday.

As we did not have time to host a 'Meet the New Teacher' session before the Christmas break, we would like to invite our Year 1 parents and carers to meet Mrs Driver on Monday 13th January at one of the following times:

- Morning session: 9:00 am – 9:20 am. Please wait in the office area after drop-off. Once the children have gathered in the hall for worship, you will be led to the Year 1 classroom.
- After-school session: 3:30 pm – 3:50 pm. Please wait in the playground until all children have been dismissed. You will then be invited into the Year 1 classroom with your child(ren).

Parent Governor Election

Before the Christmas break, we advertised for the role of Parent Governor. We are delighted to share that we have received three applications for this important position. As we have two vacancies to fill, we are asking for your help to make the final decision.

To support this process, we kindly ask you to click on the link below to visit the Forms page where you will find details about each of the three candidates. Once you have read their statements, you will be able to vote for the two candidates you feel would best represent the parent community on our governing board.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mQRsse2UMr?origin=lprLink>

Your input is invaluable in ensuring we appoint Parent Governors who can effectively represent the views of our families while contributing to the strategic leadership of our school. Voting will remain open until next Tuesday 14th January so please take the time to participate. Thank you.

Sway Newsletter

We are excited to share that our next Sway newsletter will be available this Friday. It will feature a summary and photos of all the special events held during Autumn 2. We hope you enjoy looking back at these wonderful moments.

After-school clubs and Spring Term Dates

We are currently busy compiling our after-school clubs offer and all the key dates (FoS events, trips etc.) for the Spring term ahead. We will share these with you once everything is confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a happy year ahead.

Kindest regards



Mrs Rosaleen Beaver

Headteacher

