



COLMAN INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that you had a great summer break! The children are settling into their new classes very well and are very enthusiastic to learn!

Below is a welcome from our Governing Body:

Welcome back and a huge new welcome to all our new parents, carers and children,

It has been a very positive start to the new academic year, the new children and staff have settled really well. As your school governors we are really pleased that the staffing team have been recently strengthened with additional expertise. We are particularly pleased to welcome Katherine Morley as our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Morley, who you all know well, will continue in her role as SENCO but bring additional leadership support to the school.

As this is a new school year there has also been changes to our governing board.

The Governing Board now consists of:

Mr John Ladd (the chair) Co-opted
Ms Helen Wardale (vice chair) LA Governor
Craig Smitherman Parent Governor
Penny Craft Parent Governor
Graham Dalton Co-opted Governor
Grahame Chambers Co-opted Governor
Duncan Harris Parent Governor
Janice Norman HLTA staff member Co-opted Governor
Matthew Gamble Headteacher

This group of volunteers, some new and some existing faces, support Mr. Gamble and Mrs Morely with the strategic leadership of the school. They have a range of skills which they bring to the role. We meet regularly to make decisions about the school practice and provision. The governors are here to support all areas of school life, please say hello if you see us around school. We know there are currently challenges, as with all schools at some time. Together, along with specific support, we are working collaboratively to make the necessary improvements. Colman Infants is a happy and safe learning environment for every child. Collectively we will make it even better.

Currently the school is being supported by the Local Authority to ensure that the school provision for your child is the best that it can possibly be. The class teachers have already established the learning in their classrooms, with some exciting topics planned. You can find further information about these on our school website – just look for the mini topic newsletters.

We wish you all a happy term and look forward to meeting some of you in the weeks ahead.

Best wishes

The governors of Colman Infant School.

Over the next few weeks there will be a number of forms sent home, please do return them to us completed as soon as possible - dates for the diary will also be available very soon.

Our after school sports clubs, which enrich the school curriculum for Year 1 and Year 2 children will begin again after the half term and will be delivered once again by Premier Sports. Last year we were able to offer sports such as archery and fencing! Further details will follow.

This year the difficult decision has been taken not to include swimming as part of the Year 2 curriculum for PE. Swimming is a statutory requirement at KS2 (Junior schools/ Primary schools) but not at KS1. By focussing upon our own curriculum this will enable us to focus our time and resources upon a sustainable PE curriculum for the future as well as enriching the experience for more children across the whole school.

We will continue to use the School Sports Partnership again this year to add extra exciting sports activities to all year groups - please keep an eye on the school newsletter for further details.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,
M Gamble