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St Chad's Church in Wales Primary School

'Always looking to the future'

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Thursday 1st September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of St Chad's Church in Wales Primary School. I feel extremely honoured to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Purcell.

I have been privileged to have worked for over 15 years at St Chad's, where I have gained such a passion and love for the school, knowing it has a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for us to start our new chapter.

Being a mother of two boys, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved at St Chad's. Reflecting on this year's school self- evaluation report we have set the new priorities for the School Development Plan as follows;

Priority 1- Embedding the new curriculum

Priority 2- Raising the standards of reading and comprehension

Priority 3 -Developing assessment of the children in line with the new curriculum

I will be sharing the full plan with you shortly.

I understand that the last two years have been a difficult time for everyone and I hope that now we are able to further build a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable.

The PTA, who play such an important role within the school have suggested that we host informal coffee mornings/ afternoons that will be an opportunity to share your thoughts about the school, meet other parents, chat to me and other members of staff over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. Details will follow!

Miss Ellis who has changed job roles, will now be taking on the role of school secretary, and I am looking forward to working closely with her.

The first week back the children will be getting settled into their classes and will be undergoing baseline assessments to generate targets for the term. These targets and how your child is settling in will be shared at a parents meeting with you the week commencing Monday 17th October. (further details to follow) As part of the first week back and at the start of every new term we will start with an 'EPIC' week, that means 'Everyone Plans In Class', the children will be given an enquiry question or statement that they will plan from. St Chad's has used this approach for many years now, which is in line with the new curriculum, that is statutory from September 2022 as we feel it is crucial to involve the children in their education. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways.

A newsletter will go out on Fridays to give a roundup of the week and let you know any important dates/ information. Communication is the key and we will continue with emails, SeeSaw, Facebook and the school



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website to ensure that you are up to date with what is going on in school. New SeeSaw codes for this academic year will be sent home in the first week.

Just a reminder about the school day will now go back to the finishing time of 3:15pm for pupils in Reception to Year 6.

Forest School and After School club activities will commence the week beginning 12/9/22.

We are looking forward to an exciting start to our new academic year and we will give you a warm welcome on Monday 5th September.

With best wishes

Mrs. N. Locker
Headteacher

School Times	
7.50-8.50am	Breakfast Club
8.50am	School Gates Open
9.00am	Registration
9.00-11.30am	Nursery session
9:00-3.15pm	Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2

Autumn Term	
Term Starts	Thursday 1 st September 2022
Half Term Starts	Monday 31 st October 2022
Half Term Ends	Friday 4 th November 2022
Term Ends	Friday 23 rd December 2022

Spring Term	
Term Starts	Monday 9 th January 2023
Half Term Starts	Monday 20 th February 2023
Half Term Ends	Friday 24 th February 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term	
Term Starts	Monday 17 th April 2023
Half Term Starts	Monday 29 th May 2023
Half Term Ends	Friday 2 nd June 2023
Term Ends	Friday 21 st July 2023

Inset Days
Thursday 1 st September 2022
Friday 2 nd September 2022
Monday 7 th November 2022
Thursday 22 nd December 2022
Friday 23 rd December 2022
Monday 17 th April 2023