

Cross Arthurlie Primary School
Headteacher's Report
4th June 2019

Staffing

Mrs Powell is absent and not due to return before the end of term Mrs Burnet and Mrs Kane are now teaching Mrs Powell's P1 class. Next year's staffing has yet to be confirmed however it is likely that we will be supporting 3 NQTs.

In line with the previously agreed budget savings there has been a reduction in allocation of PSA hours throughout ERC with PSA allocation being directly aligned to ASN.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Literacy and Numeracy

Staff completed their professional enquiries around teaching and learning in maths and literacy, sharing their findings with one another during staff meetings. We are keen to continue to develop our approaches to literacy and maths and these will remain areas of priority for next year. The impact of these plus supports being targeted to specific classes and children have resulted in improvements across both literacy and numeracy in the Key stages of P1, 4 and 7 this year. We are aware however. That we will need to continue to provide additional supports in particular classes and with identified groups in session 19-20. Staff will be allocated strategically to support the children who we have identified have greatest need.

Digital Learning

Children and staff have improved in their use of digital technologies to support their learning. A number of classes are now using Google Classrooms to support their learning which is proving very motivating for children.

Parents and children

The homework diaries were introduced last year as a way of children recording what they had learned and ensuring parents were kept up to date with learning. These have proven to be challenging for staff and children alike, which is common when supporting children to effectively set targets, plan and reflect on their own learning. We have adjusted the format and will provide additional support for staff and children in their implementation next year.

Policy update

Enclosed is draft a copy of the school's recently updated Bullying policy. If anyone has any comments please raise with the HT.

Other News

We were really pleased this month to be recognised as having being silver within the Rights Respecting Schools awards. A huge thanks to all staff children and parents who contribute to this and to Miss Reid for coordinating everything around it.

Fiona MacDonald
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