



St. Nicholas and St. Laurence

CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new year at school! Having known and loved the school and its community for many years I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Nicholas and St Laurence CE Primary School and I am excited to be leading the way on the next steps of this school's journey to success.

As a parent of two young children myself, I know first-hand that bringing up children, especially in today's world, is not an easy job! Together with my team, we will aim to understand and support you in every way that we can to navigate the sometimes tricky path. I can honestly say that we are very lucky at our school to have a highly experienced and dedicated team of staff who care deeply about nurturing and encouraging your children to achieve their very best and I have no doubt that your children will have a happy and productive year here at St Nicholas and St Laurence under their guidance and care.

I am also delighted to welcome Dave Payne, our new Deputy Headteacher and Year 5 teacher. Dave joins us with 18 years of experience in education, having taught in a number of schools across Bristol as well as internationally in Qatar (before the World Cup!). During his career, he has also held a variety of senior leadership roles and brings a wealth of experience to our school. Dave has recently moved from Bristol to Portland with his wife and their two dogs, and he is really excited about settling into the area, becoming part of our community and getting to know our children and families. We are very pleased to welcome him to the team and know that he is looking forward to playing an active role in the next chapter of our school's journey.

We are delighted to have the children back to school today, and we warmly welcome our brand new little people coming into Reception this week. Preparing for 'Big School' is always a very exciting time for our families and children, and indeed us as a school. As with all our children, we very much love watching them develop and flourish over the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite our parents / carers into school for a 'Welcome to Year Group' information event on the following dates and time:

- Year 3/4 – Monday 14th September 3:10pm – 3:40pm
- Year 5/6 – Tuesday 15th September 3:10pm – 3:40pm
- Year 1/2 – Wednesday 16th September 3:15pm – 3:40pm



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This will be a great chance for you to hear all about what your child will be learning this year, as well as the expectations set for reading and homework etc. There will also be a chance for you to informally speak to your child's class teacher about how your child has settled into their new classroom and to raise any concerns or ask any questions.

Please may I politely remind parents / carers that we expect all pupils to attend school dressed in the correct school uniform. We aim for very high standards with our school uniform, and we believe it encourages learners to have a sense of pride and belonging, as well as reinforcing positive relationships and behaviour.

If there is some problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the situation as we are here to help.

I look forward to meeting you in person and to working in partnership with you so that together we can support your child to ensure they meet their full potential.

With very best wishes

Mrs Victoria Morris