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Friday 10th January 2025

Staffing Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a joyful and restful Christmas holiday, filled with time to recharge and connect with loved ones. As we step into the Spring term—a season often associated with growth and renewal—I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to what is, for many of us, the most exciting part of the academic year. This term, while our shortest, is often the most significant. It's a time when children settle into their routines, grow in confidence and embrace new challenges with enthusiasm and curiosity.



Spring reminds us of the power of fresh starts, progress and blossoming potential. Much like the first signs of new growth in nature, our children are beginning to show their own budding confidence, deepening their skills and building stronger connections within their school environment. It is a time to celebrate their progress and encourage them to keep exploring and striving for excellence.

To frame this sense of renewal, I'd like to share a thoughtful quote, which reflects the core of our Federation's vision:

***"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."* – B.B. King**

Farewell to Ms. James- School Administrator



With this focus on growth and change, it is bittersweet to share that Ms James, our exceptional School Administrator for both Corpusty and Foulsham Primary Schools, will be leaving us next week. Ms James has been an integral part of our schools, supporting staff, children and families with professionalism, care and dedication throughout nearly 3 years of service and 13 years with the Trust.

From managing countless administrative tasks to always greeting everyone with a warm smile at the front office, Ms James has been a source of reassurance and positivity for everyone who steps through our doors. Her efficiency and flexibility have been vital in ensuring our schools run smoothly and her kindness has left a lasting impact on staff, families and children alike.



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Ms James' final day with us will be **Friday 17th January 2025** at Foulsham / Corpusty Primary School before she embarks on an exciting new chapter at Gresham's School in a marketing and admissions role. While we are sad to see her go, we know she will excel in her new role, bringing the same dedication and passion that has made her such a valued member of our community. On behalf of the Tri-School Federation, Synergy Trust and the Governing Body, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Ms. James for everything she has done over the years, and I know you will join me in wishing her every success.

Recruiting for such an important role is a challenge, but we are fortunate to have experienced office staff from two of our sister schools within the Trust joining us on a temporary basis starting **Monday 20th January 2025**. These staff members are familiar with our Trust-wide systems and processes and I am confident they will ensure continuity and support for our schools during this transition. If you or someone you know is interested in this role, please contact the school office for more information.



Exciting News from Foulsham Primary School

I would also like to share some wonderful news from Foulsham Primary School—Mrs. Marshall, one of our dedicated and talented Senior Teachers, is expecting her first child! This is such an exciting milestone and we could not be happier for her as she prepares to embrace this new chapter in her life.

Mrs Marshall's love and commitment to the children in her class and the wider school community are evident in everything she does. I have no doubt that these same qualities will make her an amazing mother. Parenthood is a journey filled with learning, joy and growth and we are all here to celebrate and support her in every way possible.

As Mrs Marshall is expected to begin her maternity leave in **July 2025**, I have already started the planning process to ensure a smooth transition for her class. Further details will be shared with you at the start of the summer term to keep you fully informed.

In the meantime, we must prioritise the health and well-being of Mrs Marshall and her baby. Over the coming months, we will be introducing additional hygiene measures in her classroom. We kindly ask that you notify the school office if your child has been unwell or exposed to illnesses such as chickenpox before attending class. This will help us effectively manage any risks and maintain a safe environment for everyone. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead





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As we embrace this term of growth, exploration, and achievement, I am reminded of the strength of our school community. Together, we empower each other to explore new opportunities, excel in all we do and nurture the potential in every child. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together this Spring term.

Kind regards,

Mr M Elcock
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