

26 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fabulous half-term and managed to recharge your batteries. We are all so happy that the Prime Minister has announced that children will return on the 8th of March. We will be sending information out to all parents soon but all year groups will be open from the 8th of March and attendance is mandatory. We look forward to seeing all children back in school.

I do have a few updates linked to staff that I wanted to share with you in January, however, with all the craziness that has happened since then, it didn't seem appropriate to tell you whilst you had the pressures of home learning taking place.

Mrs Shaw

We have some fabulous news to share with you all. Mrs Shaw is pregnant and will be starting a family in April. We are so excited for her and we know she is going to be a fabulous mum. Mrs Shaw will be taking a year's maternity and we will be looking to add a replacement in September. We have such a strong Y6 team and Miss Smith, Mrs Liversidge and Mrs Norman will all be covering for Mrs Shaw until the end-of-the year. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Shaw the best of luck with the sleepless nights she has coming her way!

Mrs McArdle

I also have some sad news to share with you. After over 16 years of service at Coleridge school, Mrs McArdle has decided to retire. Words cannot express what an impact she has had on generations of children passing through Coleridge. Mrs McArdle represents everything that is great about our school and she is truly irreplaceable. We are going to miss her tremendously but also want to wish her the happiest of retirements. We know she has lots of exciting adventures planned out with her husband and family and we hope she makes many more brilliant memories.

We know that Mrs McArdle deserves the best send-off possible, however, with COVID it is extremely challenging to do this. If any parents/carers would like to bring retirement gifts in for Mrs McArdle, this will be allowed. Please just leave them in the office. We would also like to plan a community event in the summer, where parents and children, past and present, would be able to come together and give Mrs McArdle the send-off she deserves. We are proposing to have a Cricket tournament on Cranworth field in July with a BBQ and other fun activities taking place.

I have worked with many special people in education and Mrs McArdle is up there at the top. The passion and love she has for education and your children is boundless and she has left a brilliant impression on children, staff and parents during her time at Coleridge. We wish you all the happiness in the world and enjoy the retirement.

Kind regards



Mr I Tankard
Head teacher