



# Alfred Street Junior School

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4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Class Structure for September 2018

As you may be aware, our intake is set by Northamptonshire County Council as 60 children per year group, but it has been some years now since Tennyson Road (and as a result ourselves) have had 60 children in a year group. This has had an impact on our school budget, as schools receive a budget based on their numbers on roll. In recent years, there have also been National cuts in funding to schools which has meant that this academic year and next academic we have had to make some difficult decisions with regards to how to arrange our classes in order to keep to budget. As a result, because of our lower numbers in Year 3, 4 and 5, we will be operating with two classes of mixed Year 3 and 4, two classes of mixed year 4 and 5 and two classes of pure Year 6. This enables us to start with smaller teaching classes, but also allows for growth, as this academic year we have welcomed over 30 additional new children since September 2017 into the school. It also enables the children to extend their social skills and friendship groups.

The teachers within the mixed year groups will liaise closely when planning lessons and events, to ensure that the children have similar experiences within the classes. They will differentiate the level of challenge for English and Maths and will operate on a rolling programme when teaching the foundation subjects in order to ensure coverage. This has worked successfully this year and the children have made good progress from their starting points, which I am sure you will have seen in their books.

## Staffing

At the end of the summer term, we will be sadly saying goodbye to some members of staff. Miss Williams will be leaving us to take up a new teaching post within a primary setting and we wish her every success and thank her for her hard work over her time with us in leading Science, History and the School Council. Mrs Bloomer will also be leaving to take up a new post within a primary setting in Northampton and Mrs Page whose temporary contract with Alfred Street has come to an end. Mrs Smith, who works as a Teaching Assistant in the afternoons, will be leaving us to take up a promotion in a local Infant School as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and we would like to congratulate her with this appointment. Mrs Underwood, who has been working as a Teaching Assistant, will also be leaving us to embark on a new journey outside of education. Mrs Salter will be finishing her role as a Teaching Assistant but we are pleased to say she will continue her work as a much loved Lunchtime Supervisor next year.

In September, we have decided to re arrange the teaching teams in order to keep the teaching fresh and to develop the teacher's skills and expertise.

- ❖ Mrs Surridge and Mrs Burkam will be teaching mixed Year 3 and 4
- ❖ Miss King and Mrs Taylor will be teaching mixed Year 4 and 5
- ❖ Mr Butler and Mrs Smith will be teaching in Year 6

The slip overleaf informs you who will be your child's new class teacher.

## Transition Days

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On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, the children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classes and with their new teachers, carrying out a range of activities to enable them to get to know each other, in preparation for September. They will register as normal within their current classrooms, and then will move into their new class for the remainder of the day.

## Come and See

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, you will have the opportunity to come into school to look at your child's books alongside your child in their current classroom, and look at the progress they have made. Your child will also take you to meet their new teacher if you would like to do so

We are holding two sessions on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at 8.50am until 9.05am and 3.45pm until 4.00pm.

We hope to see you then.

Yours sincerely

Mrs O'Connor  
Head Teacher

## Class teacher for September 2018

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS TEACHER	CLASS
«FORENAME» «SURNAME»	«TEACHER»	«CLASS»

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