

Yox Valley Partnership



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we are only a week into the new academic year, there has been a very positive atmosphere around the schools. We have all been really impressed with the enthusiasm in which the children have returned to school; they have come back refreshed and ready for learning and the staff are keen to embrace that and ignite their enthusiasm. It is so lovely to hear them around school again - we have really missed them.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome all the new children and families that have joined us, not only those in our Reception and Nursery classes, but also to those in other year groups that have joined our schools – we really hope you have a great time at Yox Valley and we look forward to seeing you all grow, in every sense of the word.

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Teaching Assistant for Middleton Primary School. Mrs Leanne Brunning will be starting with us on September 17th and will predominantly be based in Key Stage 2, but will also be running our after school provision. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our team.



Congratulations

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Laura Bonnett who achieved her Qualified Teacher Status at the end of July. Laura has been working on her PGCE Primary over the past year, completing placements in different schools, and is now building up a bank of experience in our schools. CMAT are always keen to support TAs in their development and Laura is the first within Yox Valley to have progressed from TA to Teacher – Well done Laura.

Never giving less than our best

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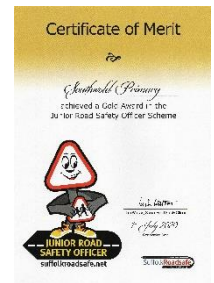
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Junior Road Safety Officers

Over the summer we were informed that yet again Southwold earned the Gold certificates for their work promoting Road Safety in our schools. Congratulations to **Eve Newstead** and **Riley Fisher** for your work with this, and also to Miss Peck for supporting and encouraging them with their efforts, especially as they only had half a year to organise themselves.



Swimming Pool

I think we were all surprised in the progress made over the summer holidays with regards to the swimming pool at Yoxford and Peasenhall. The dome is now on, the changing rooms are built and the builders appear to be clearing up the site. Whilst I don't have a definite finish date, yet everything is on track and the end is in sight.



Google Classrooms

We are currently updating Google Classroom to ensure everyone is in the right classrooms and that all our new pupils have an active account, and we hope that it will be back up and running very soon. Whilst we have everything crossed that we don't need to have any local school closures, we are preparing that should we need to, then Google Classroom will be ready to go. This year we will also be using it for our homework and for any individuals who are isolating due to COVID-19. We will let you know when this is all ready to go.

Social Distancing

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding with the new start times, and also with the arrangements at either end of the day. I am aware that we have changed arrangements at some of our schools, and we may yet change them again, but we want to make sure we are making it as safe as possible. PLEASE can I remind you to socially distance yourself when you are waiting for your child at the end of the day?



Many thanks for your continued support

Gail Jerman
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