

Friday 11th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the first week of school, I am delighted to welcome you back formally to Filton Avenue Primary School as Head of School at Lockleaze road. I have very much enjoyed my first week in school meeting your children and beginning my work with the staff at Lockleaze but also building my partnership with Mrs Rutherford, the Executive Head, and Mr Rodeck, the Head of School at the Orchard Campus.

As a primary Head teacher in South Gloucestershire for the last 3 three years, I also bring 24 years of teaching experience and have taught all year groups from age 4-11 during my career. There is always more to learn and the challenge of leading a larger organisation alongside others is exciting. At the core of my work is the teaching and learning in our classrooms and ensuring that children achieve high standards and have the skills and knowledge to be the best they can be. I know you will support me in this.

The relationship we have with you as parents in supporting your children is hugely important to us; I have felt very welcomed by you and appreciated you introducing yourselves and talking to me on the playground. I am keen that you continue to do this and should you need to talk to me confidentially I am happy for you to come and make an appointment. I am sure that for most issues, the class teacher will be your first port of call and they will be able to resolve any of your concerns.

Attendance

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. We encourage you to get your children into school at 8.45am as learning will begin as soon as they enter the classroom. The electronic registers will close at 8.55am so an arrival after that time will unfortunately be regarded as late and your child will need to come to the main entrance to be registered. I fully understand that this may have been different last year if your children were at Filton Avenue Juniors however, our start and finish times are all the same now. In a school this size it has been impressive to observe that nearly all children were in on time and only a handful of pupils are arriving late. Thank you very much for working with us as the week has progressed.

School playground

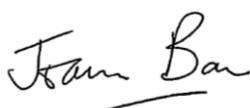
The playground situation is a challenge at present! Thank for bearing with us and showing patience in those difficult areas where bottle necks can occur. We have tried to staff those areas to support you as your children come into school. We hope that by the end of next week there will be a second access point provided that the weather conditions stay favourable. We will keep you posted if there are any changes.

Parking

Please do not drop your children off on the zebra crossing or on the zigzag lines. This is a safety hazard and is dangerous.

I will be sending out a list of diary dates shortly to inform you of events that are planned for the first term. Please remember that the school website www.filtonavenue.com is also a great place to find out what is happening in school. Once again, thank you for your warm welcome and I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Joanna Barr
Head of School