

# Great Bowden Academy

A Church of England Primary School



Dear Parents,

Now we have all settled into the new term and the Y5/6 children have returned safely from their PGL residential I thought this would be a good time to send out our first newsletter of the new term. The children had a marvelous time in Shropshire. To view the photographs and videos please go to @Great Bowden on Twitter, it is full of happy children enjoying themselves while trying out new activities and challenges. I would like to thank Mr Norman, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Arthurton and Miss Gillanders for giving their time to take the children, caring for them so well and ensuring that they had a memorable experience.

## School Matters

I would like to thank the whole school community for making me feel so welcome over the last few weeks. I have met many of you in and around school, but if I haven't done so yet I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. I will usually be at Great Bowden on Mondays and Tuesdays. I will be working closely with Mrs Blagburn and Mr Norman who are sharing the role of "Head of School." Mrs Blagburn is taking a lead in the areas of inclusion, intervention and scheduling in particular. Mr Norman is leading on behaviour and assessment and continuing in his role as Maths Leading Practitioner within school and across the Trust.

## Exciting Initiatives

We are very pleased to have been invited to become an Associate School with the RSC which will enable us to work with a network of schools and theatres committed to transforming experiences of Shakespeare and live theatre for young people. This is a really exciting opportunity and Mrs Arthurton and Miss Cook are going to lead on this. Further details will follow.

We are also delighted that Great Bowden has been accepted to lead interested schools within the trust to enhance the delivery of the arts through Artsmark and Arts Award. Mrs Hooper will be taking on the role of Arts Specialist Lead.

Over the coming year we hope to renew our Primary Science Quality Mark and receive recognition for the excellent science work that we deliver within and beyond the school. Mrs Kirby will be working on this.

## Settling in

All the children are settling well into their new classes. Our Reception children are enjoying school life and making new friends.



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### **Scooting and cycling on school grounds**

Please can we ask that children do not scoot or cycle on school grounds so that they do not collide with others who may not have noticed them.

### **Leave of absence during term time requests**

Please can we remind everyone that we are unable to authorise requests for term time absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your support

Angela Dewes



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