

St Bernard's NEWSLETTER



STAFFING UPDATE 2021

As the end of the term draws near, I'd like to make the school community aware of some staffing changes for the forthcoming academic year. In the last few weeks, there has been a leadership restructure for the three primary schools within our Multi-Academy Trust. The existing structure of the St Bernard's leadership team has real strength and depth and this is now to be replicated across the other schools, Our Lady of Pity in Greasby and St Joseph's in Birkenhead, so that each school has a Head of School, Assistant Head, Key Stage Leaders and a SENDCo.

As part of the restructure, an Executive Headteacher position was created to oversee each of the three schools and I have been recruited to take on this role. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to make all three schools stronger, to learn from each other and ultimately continue to improve outcomes for our children. For St Bernard's, it will unfortunately mean that I am around less during the week so that I can split my time between the schools. St Bernard's has been such an important part of my life since I joined as a newly qualified teacher sixteen years ago and I'm proud that it will continue to be so, albeit in a different role. I will continue to have overall responsibility for the school but we are now in the process of recruiting a new Head of School to manage St Bernard's with Miss Reid and our fantastic leadership team already in place. I'm hoping to announce this appointment shortly and I know that the successful applicant will be warmly welcomed into our wonderful community.

The way that the school community has coped and functioned in such a calm manner during the pandemic has been incredible. The staff at St Bernard's are simply amazing and the team are working tirelessly to enable the children to be as ready as possible for the next stage of their education. Your children are special and we are all so proud with how they have continued to thrive this year given all of the disruption they have experienced. As always, huge thanks to all of our parents and guardians for your support to make St Bernard's the school it is. September will be a new chapter for the school but certainly a chapter full of opportunity and excitement.

For more information about our Multi-Academy Trust, please visit the website by [clicking here](#).

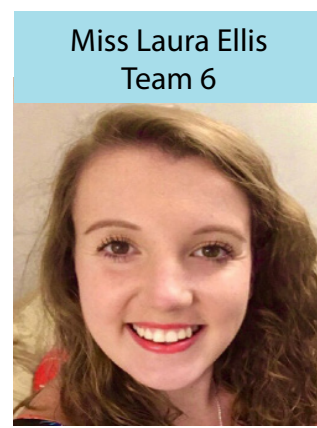
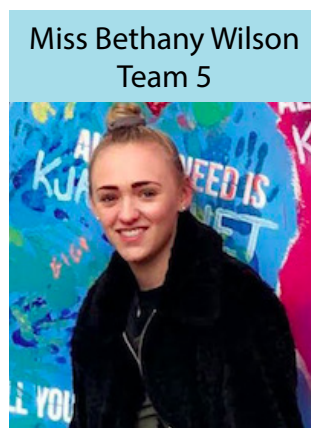
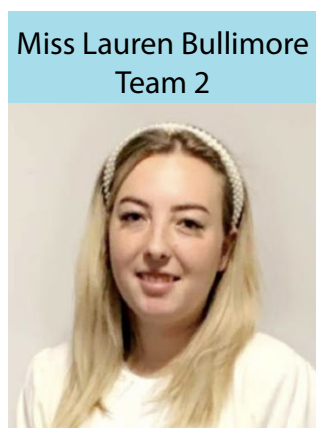
Mr Jevons

Other staffing news

Before the pandemic hit, there were plans to centralise administration and finance teams across the schools in the Multi-Academy Trust. Things were put on hold due to Covid but are now back in process. Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Allanson's roles will be changing, resulting in them becoming part of a central team in the Trust. This will mean that in the future, they will be on site less than they are now, particularly Mrs Wilkinson. Although their roles are changing, we're delighted that both are very much still part of the St Bernard's family. Mrs Chattle will continue to look after the front desk and enquiries.

This summer, we also say a fond farewell to Miss Swan, who joined St Bernard's as an apprentice two years ago. Miss Swan begins teacher training in September and we thank her for the big difference she has made to so many children during her time here. I know that the children and community will miss seeing her everyday and will give her the send off she deserves before the end of the term.

Our trainee teachers complete their School Direct PGCE course in July. They have provided much support to the school during the pandemic and have all done so well to train given the many barriers Covid has brought. I'm sure the school community will wish them well for their future careers in the teaching profession.



As one cohort of trainees finishes, another begins!

We're delighted to welcome two new trainees for September and they have already started to make lovely relationships with the staff and children. Miss Simpson and Miss McCarthy will be training in Teams 2 and 6 in the Autumn term and can't wait to get started!

Our Teams for September will be as follows:

Team Reception

Mrs Thomson

Mrs Witherspoon

Mrs Cooke (Monday
& Tuesdays)



Team 1

Mrs Radford

Mrs Knowles

Miss Hutchinson

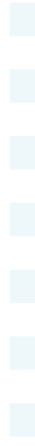
Mrs Cooke
(Wednesdays)



Team 2

Miss Finnerty

Miss Bush



Miss Simpson (Trainee Teacher) will also be joining Team 2

Team 3

Miss Worthington

Mr Day



Team 4

Mrs Suddaby

Mrs Morgan

Miss Yeoman



Team 5

Miss Senior

Miss Tudor



Team 6

Miss Carey

Miss Foy

Miss Byrne



Miss McCarthy (Trainee Teacher) will also be joining the team.

Over the coming weeks, we have lots of transition plans in place to support the children and help them get ready for their new classes in September.

Further updates will be provided in the forthcoming school newsletter.

