



Portesbery School Newsletter

July 2011

a happy school where every one matters

Message from Matthew

As this school year comes to an end, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the achievements that the whole school community have been part of, and my first year of Headship.

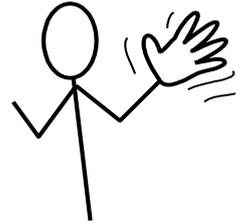
I hope that you all join me in thinking that the school continues to go from strength to strength. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff team who put the needs of the students first. We are also fortunate to have a fantastic group of students who make this task easy!

Thank you to all of you who were able to come to the BBQ and Presentation Evening, once again it was a great event and a real highlight of the year.

I hope that everyone is able to have a great Summer break and I look forward to starting a new academic year with you all in September.

Staffing News

We are going to be saying goodbye to Katie Paddock (Class Teacher in Blue class) as she is off to a new school in



September. We wish her all the best for her future. Margaret Conlon (Class Teacher) has decided that she wants to spend more time with her family and will no longer be working regularly for us.

As you already know, we will also be saying goodbye to Val Lees, who has decided to retire after 25 years with us! Sally Goodman has also decided it is time to retire. We wish them both all the best and they are welcome to come back if they find that they have a lot of spare time on their hands...

In other staffing news, Mandy Gray left us in early July to start working at Parity and Jen Major will be leaving us to commence a teaching degree.

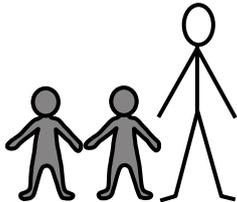
Could we congratulate Amy Copley and Kirstie Mingard on their successful appointment to become HLTAs. The school will be supporting them throughout the HLTA assessment process.

In September we will be welcoming the following new staff:

Two new class teachers; Tracey Haigh (Blue class) and Amy Willshaw (S1).

Three new SNSAs; Elliott Holmes (S3), Sally Bedser (FE) and Emma Banner (Yellow class).

School Leavers



We will be saying goodbye to the following students this week as they will be leaving FE/Sensory Ed; Rebecca, Tommy, William, Scott, Stefan, Matthew and Nicola. We wish them all the best for their future adult placements.

We will also be saying goodbye to Imogen, Yashica and Jack L who will be joining new schools in September so we will wish good luck to each of them!

Dates for your Diary

School finishes on **Friday 22nd July at 2.15pm.**

The Autumn term commences on **Monday 5th September** which is an INSET day.

Students return to school on **Tuesday 6th September.**

Parent's Evening—**Wednesday 21st September**

INSET—**Friday 21st October**

Half Term—**W/C Monday 24th October**

