

# Shobnall Primary School



17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents

It was a pleasure to meet you all in capacity of Year 5 teacher this week and can I just take this opportunity to thank you for both your attendance and your on-going support for your child. It was encouraging to hear that so many of you regularly encourage and work alongside your child for homework and this really reinforces the importance of our home/school collaborative approach.

In addition to this point, regarding homework, I have taken the decision not to provide specific homework to the class for the half term break. The children have worked incredibly hard over the past two weeks and I am delighted with both their work and positive attitude to learning. Their writing work is now up on the wall and both the Cirque du Freak and Non-chronological reports are on twitter and therefore also on our website, so do please have a look if you haven't already done so. Therefore, the only request that I would make regarding homework, is that children are encouraged to read frequently at home, throughout the holidays and in light of the fractions work completed in class, please could you reinforce your child's knowledge and understanding of ALL multiplication tables.

As discussed at Parent's Evening, I wanted to write to you, prior to returning to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> to let you have the final details on the teaching arrangements in the Year 5 class after half term. As I mentioned, Mrs Waldron will be teaching for two days a week and I am both delighted and relieved to now inform you that Miss Zoe Day will be teaching for the other 3 days. Miss Day comes highly recommended and certainly appears to fit the criteria that we are looking for in an effective and enthusiastic teacher. I am sure that with the guidance and support of both Mrs Waldron and the school as a whole, she will quickly settle in to our way of working and build positive relationships with the children. I am sure that you will all make her feel welcome and valued when you meet her and as we always state to all of our parents, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or any other issues, then I would always warmly welcome you to pop in to school so that we can address them at the earliest opportunity.

I am very sorry for any disruption that this change in staffing may cause although, as I mentioned at Parent's Evening, I feel that the change from the previous teacher, to my teaching and now moving forward will only prove to be beneficial for the class now moving forward into the second half of the year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Cruise'.

Mr R Cruise  
Headteacher

