



Wednesday 4th September 2019



'Dream... Believe... Achieve...'
Headteacher: Mrs Hannah Connor-James

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to this brand new school year. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and that our children have returned safe and well, ready to begin the next stage in their learning.

I would like to say a particular welcome to all of our new families joining us this year. From our youngest new recruits in Reception, to our newcomers that have chosen our school extending right up to year 6. We are sure that you will settle in very quickly, becoming part of our amazing school community.

We also welcome back Mrs Guerin in Year 1 from maternity leave and Ms Parker, our Year 5 Teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader, who has joined the team permanently this year.

I am pleased to say that the school is now extremely well-staffed with a strong team of leaders, teachers and support staff, here to give your children the best possible experience during their time in our school. We are all very approachable, so if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to ask a member of the team, who will be happy to support you.

The school has been a hub of activity over the 6-week break, where we have taken to opportunity to make some modifications to the building and grounds. Reception has had a fresh coat of paint; Adam has been busy fitting our new PRO Pods for the children to access personal research opportunities (PRO) and to promote independence- (we are developing little professionals after all!) The mobile classroom has been removed and the playground extended to offer more space during playtimes and games lessons. We have plans to add new playground markings this term to finish off the job and offer children a range of activity options that promote physical and collaborative play. Classrooms have all been reorganised and revamped to provide stimulating learning environments.

We hope that you will be able to come along and have a look for yourselves at the upcoming Meet and Greet afternoon on Thursday 12th September. This after-school session is an opportunity to meet the new teacher (if your teacher is new!) gather information about the coming year and have a look at the environment that your child will be spending their time in this year. The class teacher will be providing information at the beginning of the session. However, you are welcome to use this as a "drop in" session, arriving any time between 3:30pm-5:00pm, if that suits you better. The information will also be sent out for any parents who missed the beginning or who are unable to attend.

Hopefully you will have seen on the calendar provided that we have lots of exciting events planned for the term. A special coffee morning has been arranged for new Reception parents on the first day of school; outdoor learning is planned for every class; enterprise week followed by a pupil-led Christmas event; a music concert; performances and our very popular grandparents afternoon. There are still sporting events to organise for the term so please look out for any changes which will be emailed out to parents and updated on the website calendar.



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We aim to start as we mean to go on at the beginning of the year, so we are paying particular attention to setting and maintaining the high standards that we are proud of at Cromwell Academy- this includes high standards of presentation in both uniform and work. We will be setting our 3 core standards right from day one; making sure we are all **safe and happy**, showing **respect** for everyone and everything as well as being the **best learners** we can be. This is ***The Cromwell Way*** and we hope that the children will be able to tell you all about it!

We very much look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards

Mrs Connor-James
Headteacher