



Respect, Resilience, Challenge

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Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Following major building work over the holidays, we begin the new year with nearly all the work completed. Other schools in the authority have not been so fortunate. The completion of work is remarkable considering the scale of the project to provide wheelchair access both in the grounds and buildings. I would like to thank the team at the contractors (Castleway) and our own site staff for ensuring the work finished on time. I know staff, parents and pupils would not have enjoyed coming back to a building site!

This year is the first of our new *International Primary Curriculum*. Soon you will receive a curriculum plan for the first term and some suggestions of how you might support that work through activities and websites outside of school. Current pupils will be the first to work with the new resources that will accompany these plans.

We welcome new staff (officially) this September, although you will have seen some of them around school at the end of the summer. We wish Mrs Frances Laird, Mrs Jane Bottle, Miss Kristina Lanham, Miss Jackie Nash, Miss Rebecca Langford and Mr Paul Furtado, the very best in their teaching career at Zouch Primary school. I know they will receive a very warm welcome from all parents and pupils and much support from existing staff and governors. I am confident that the staff team will now provide a great balance between the maintenance of the long-term traditions of Zouch and the opportunities for development that new staff can provide.

Can I remind you to look out for this newsletter every Monday, we change the day occasionally, but not often. We will send it by email for all those who have provided us with an address. This is really helpful and ensures it reaches you rather than lost in the bottom of a bag! Please let reception staff have your email details if you are new or if they have changed recently. Next week's newsletter will include our priorities for Zouch in the year ahead.

Finally, if you attended school on Friday and thought something was missing,.....let me help you. Although the school gates had returned from their powder-coating in time, we could not hang them until this weekend.I hope you like them!

Have a good week!

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