



# Headteacher Update



2024 - 2025

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – General Update

### Staffing

Mrs Jones welcomed baby Maggie to the world on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. She was born weighing 8lb 11oz and is super cute and being a good girl. Both Mrs Jones and Maggie wanted you all to know they are well, happy and enjoying being a new family.

Mr Harper joins OBS after the Easter break. He will be taking on the role of Upper School Leader (Year 4, 5 and 6) and Maths leader; previously Mrs Jones role. Mr Harper is moving to OBS from a different Nottingham City school and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Mrs Baguley starts her maternity leave after the Easter break (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April), so Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April will be her last day as Class 4 teacher. Mr Harper will teach class 4 for the Summer term before moving into Upper School in the new school year.

As you know, Mrs Tee will be leaving school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, she has already received lots of love from parents and pupils after I announced it to you, I am sure she will need tissues on her final day!

### Praise from Pat Fielding – Nottingham Schools Trust CEO

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we welcomed Pat Fielding into school for the morning. Pat is the CEO of Nottingham Schools Trust, which our school is an active member of alongside 33 other Nottingham City schools. Pat and I talked about life at OBS and had a tour around all classes. After Pat's visit, he wrote the staff and pupils the most heart felt letter and I wanted to share a few highlights with you:

*'I received the warmest of welcomes from the office team...Mrs Duffin, your commitment to Old Basford is exceptional. Your knowledge of the school is broad and deep and you have orchestrated the most wonderful feeling about the school... none of this happens without a team dynamic, and so...the staff team-what can I say? Your willingness to engage in conversation about the work you do and the energy you bring to the school is infectious... Then of course, there are your children. What a delight. From the youngest to the oldest I saw children on task, happy, engaged and excited about their learning... and how could I forget the school dog weaving her magic with some of your more complex and challenging children... In your collective hands, Old Basford continues to grow and evolve into a place where the children are assured of feeling **safe, positive, included, happy and successful**. You must all be terribly proud of your achievements. I certainly am.'*

### Outside of school concerns

As a school, we are having an increasing number of parents seeking support and sanctions for pupils regarding problems happening outside of school involving discrimination and unkind behaviour either face to face or via social media/gaming platforms. As a school, we will not be investigating incidents and issuing sanctions but we will support pupils in school with education relating to such concerns and wellbeing support to ensure they feel happy and safe in school. If you have specific questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Pupil Progress Meetings – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

This week we welcome all parents into school to meet with their child’s class teacher. This will be an opportunity to talk about their learning, behaviour and attitude within school, as well as a chance to look through school books. We encourage your child to attend the meeting with you. All appointments are set to 10 minutes maximum, but if you feel as though you will need a longer meeting, please arrange this with the class teacher during your parents evening appointment. If you are unsure when your appointment is booked for, please check the Arbor app under Guardian Consultations or contact the school office.

### School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who ensure their child comes to school each day dressed in correct uniform and with the correct items. Please always ensure jumpers, shoes, coats, water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc are all named to try and help us get them back to the correct owner. We have some lost property items which will be out the front of school this week, please have a look.

During pupil progress meeting evenings this week, we will also have second hand uniform for sale, please bring cash if you wish to make a small donation (e.g., 50p an item – this is not compulsory or a set amount).

### Dates

We are very excited to welcome the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) to school at the end of term, some of the pupils will be able to watch a performance but it has meant we have had to move the date of **Year 5, Nursery and Class 1&2 assemblies**, they are now on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (highlighted below); sorry for the last-minute change and any inconvenience caused.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>w.b 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>		Pupil review meetings with teachers <b>(parents)</b>		Pupil review meetings with teachers <b>(parents)</b>	Comic Relief <b>(pupils)</b> wear red and bring cakes for a sale
<b>w.b 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Book fair after school <b>(parents and pupils)</b>	Book fair after school <b>(parents and pupils)</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 pupils</b> visit to Ellis Gilford School (am)  Book fair after school <b>(parents and pupils)</b>	Willow <b>parent</b> workshop 9:00am  Year 6 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm	Year 1 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am  F2 <b>parent</b> workshop 2:30pm  Year 2 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm
<b>w.b 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 3 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am  Year 4 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm	Year 5 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am  Nursery <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 11:00am  F2 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm	Royal Shakespeare company performing at OBS <b>(pupils)</b>	Royal Shakespeare company performing at OBS <b>(pupils)</b>	9:00am Nursery and Foundation Stage 2 (class 1&2) Easter Bonnet parade <b>(parents)</b>  School closes to <b>pupils</b> at 3:20pm
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>					
<b>w.b 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	School closed – bank holiday		Class 13 <b>(pupils)</b> visit to Galleries of Justice (am)		Class 14 <b>(pupils)</b> visit to Galleries of Justice (am)