



Headteacher Update



2024 - 2025

Tuesday 3rd September – Welcome Back

It has been lovely seeing the pupils returning to school this week lots of smiles and only a few nerves from both pupils and parents! We have enjoyed 2 whole school assemblies where we talked about our school rules and making the right choices and our lunchtime rules.

I hope you have had a lovely time with your child/children over the summer break, I know I had a great time with my 3 children but there were also times I thought 'is it time to go back to school yet!' (we are all human after all!) 😊. If any circumstances have changed, please talk to one of the OBS team who can hopefully offer some support.

2024 – 2025 staffing

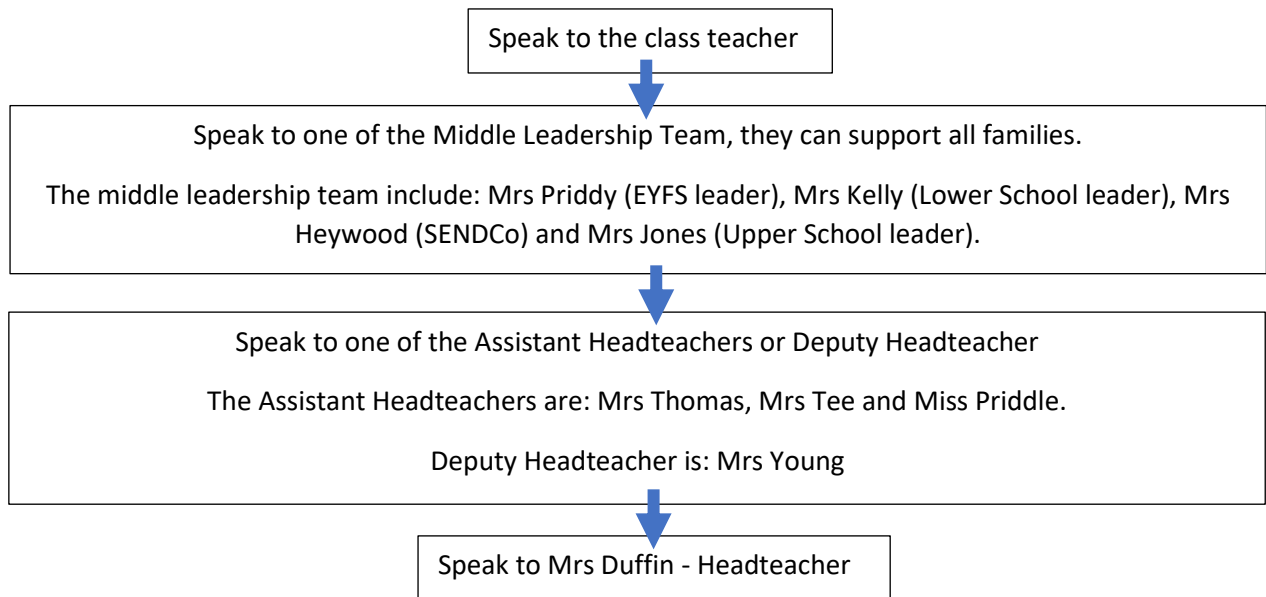
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| Senior Leadership Team | Mrs Duffin (Headteacher) Mrs Young (Deputy Headteacher) Miss Priddle, Mrs Tee and Mrs Thomas (Assistant Headteachers) Mrs Green (School Business Manager) | | | | | | |
| Nursery | Mrs Shropshall – Monday and Tuesday Mrs Pickup – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | Miss Robinson Mrs Whitehead Miss McDaid | Mrs Priddy – Early Years Leader | | | | |
| Class 1 | Miss Singh | Miss Squires | | | | | |
| Class 2 | Mrs Priddy | Miss Taggart | | | | | |
| Class 3 | Miss Marrow | Mrs Wynne | Mrs Kelly – Lower School Leader | | | | |
| Class 4 | Mrs Baguley | | | | | | |
| Class 5 | Mrs Richards – Tuesday – Friday Mrs Thomas - Monday | Miss Lawson | | | | | |
| Class 6 | Mrs Smythe | | | | | | |
| Class 7 | Mrs Kelly | Mrs Ringrose | | | | | |
| Class 8 | Mrs Whitehead – Monday – Thursday Mrs Tee - Friday | Miss Watkins | Mrs Jones – Upper School Leader | | | | |
| Class 9 | Miss Booth | Miss Williams | | | | | |
| Class 10 | Mrs Tindsley – Monday - Wednesday Mrs Wright – Thursday - Friday | Miss Watkins | | | | | |
| Class 11 | Miss Tarlowski | Mrs Widdowson | | | | | |
| Class 12 | Mr Ross | | | | | | |
| Class 13 | Miss McCulloch | Miss Ryan | Mrs Heywood - Special Needs Leader | | | | |
| Class 14 | Mrs Jones | | | | | | |
| Willow | Mrs Heywood & Miss Priddle | Miss Dobson Mrs Ross Mrs Meller Miss Hewes Miss Harrison Mrs Lukacs | | | | | |
| Office Team | Mrs Harding Mrs Davie Miss Robinson | Site | Mr Davie | Attendance and Pastoral | Mrs Spilsbury | Pastoral | Miss Toone |
| School Counsellors | Robert (Tues) Naomi (Mon & Thurs) | PE Coaches | Coach Elise (Mon) Coach Hannah (Tues – Fri) Mr McGrory (Fri) Miss Talia (Thurs) | | | Art Teacher | Mrs Maker |

Miss Hillary

Sadly, Miss Hillary will not be starting the school year with us as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and starts her treatment this week. Miss Hillary has asked me to share this with you so you can join the staff in sending positive well wishes and prayers in her direction. As soon as she is well enough, she will be returning to be a part of the OBS team.

Communication

We are an open school who want to work with our parents and build strong relationships. On the rare occasion that something might have happened that you want to discuss you can do so on an informal basis at the end of the school day or by phoning into the school office to arrange an appointment. Below is a flow chart for support.



Robert and Naomi – Our School Counsellors

For the fourth year, we welcome Robert, who this year is joined by Naomi (new counsellor) as our OBS school counsellors; they are in school Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All pupils will know who Robert is and have met Naomi today and we will continue to develop all pupils understanding of how they can support pupils' mental health and well being. Robert and Naomi are freely available at lunchtimes for any children who want to ask for any tips or advice. If school thinks your child would benefit from a 1:1 programme this will get discussed with you as parents, and you will be asked to sign a consent form. Similarly, if you think your child would benefit from counselling, please speak to a member of staff. On occasions, Robert and Naomi offer group 'Wellbeing Lunchtime' clubs to different year groups, this is a part of our pastoral service that we offer as a school. If you have any questions about 1:1 or lunchtime clubs, please speak with Mrs Duffin or Mrs Spilsbury.

Friends of Old Basford School – FOBS

Are you interested in supporting school by becoming a F.O.B?

FOBS are a group of volunteers who help with events throughout the year such as discos, raffles and the Summer Fair. All money raised each year goes towards subsidising school trips and residential to ensure all children at OBS can take part. If you are interested in joining our FOBS team please have a chat to Mrs Tee - Assistant Headteacher or leave a message at the school office. We look forward to welcoming some new members.

Pupils Birthday Treats

We continue to say no to birthday treats being brought into school to be given out to friends. This is due to allergies and dietary requirements which can mean it is not fair for all which leads to upset. I am also very aware of the additional financial implication having to provide these treats can bring. Sorry for any inconvenience.