

# Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Meet the GLT Resources Team

One of the reasons we decided to join the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT) was the amount and quality of support we would get. Over the next few newsletters, we will introduce you to some of the people who are now working with us. This week the focus is on the 'educational support' team:

### Simon Cooper-Hind - Director of Education (Primary):



Simon has been in education for over 30 years, 18 of which have been in senior leadership. His role is to challenge, support and develop the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to improve teacher and support staff effectiveness and to raise standards.

### Uzma Southon - Maths Leader:



Uzma will work with the SLT, teachers and support staff to develop the teaching of mathematics within the school as we move to the 'Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract' approach.

### Josie Mingay – English Leader:



Josie will work with us to further develop our approaches to teaching reading and writing. One area we are particularly keen to explore is around 'oracy'. Josie regularly speaks at conferences for organisations such as PiXL, ResearchEd and the Reading Reform Foundation.

### Visiting Author - Eamonn Reilly

The children enjoyed working with E.R. Reilly, author of children's books such as The British Spy School, The Look Outs series and Harriet the Horrible (among others). During his very entertaining assembly, he talked about the writing process, read excerpts from his books and answered questions. We are sure the children were inspired to write and we are looking forward to seeing how their writing improves! It was also brilliant that over 150 children bought his books. Eamonn was so impressed he gave us some free ones for the library!



## Nature Garden

Are you 'green fingered'? We are continuing to improve the Nature Garden so that it can be used to support science, geography and other subjects. It has, however, taken a bit longer than anticipated. The pond has been relined and the space has been gradually cleared. We have mainly used Community Payback to do this work, but as we approach the Spring and Summer we are looking for some willing volunteers to help keep it ticking over and perhaps run a club (lunchtime or after school?!). If you are able to help, please let the office know.



## School Meals

We are still on track for school meals to be 'in house' from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. You should have received the menu for next half term – we hope it looks good! We will, of course, be getting feedback from the children so we can learn what's working and what isn't! The ParentPay system is now in place and Mrs Johnson will be writing to you with further information very shortly about how to add funds. This is a very exciting move and as with anything new, there will be teething problems. Please let us know about them and bear with us while we resolve them.



## New Staff Governor

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Atfield, who has become the Support Staff's representative on the Local Governing Body (LGB). We would like to thank Nicola Thurgood, who previously held this position, for her hard work and all she contributed over the last 3 years.

## Dates for your Diary

8 Feb 18 - INSET DAY 3 (school closed for children)  
9 Feb 18 - INSET DAY 4 (school closed for children)  
12 Feb 18 to 16 Feb 18 - Half-Term  
18 Feb 18 to 24 Feb 18 - Y6 Residential Trip  
19 Feb 18 - Back to school  
29 Mar 18 - Last Day of Spring Term  
30 Mar 18 to 13 Apr 18 - Easter Break - school closed  
16 Apr 18 - INSET DAY 5 (school closed for children)  
17 Apr 18 - Start of Summer Term

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Respect - Everyone - Achievement - Courage - Helpful & Caring – Individuality - Never Give Up - Go for It!

