



The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation



Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new term!

My name is Mrs Cobblah and I am the new Headteacher of Lucas Vale Primary school. I am very delighted to be in this role and I have had the best welcome from all your children.

I feel it is really important to assure parents/carers that I recognise work needs to be done quickly to improve the outcomes for all our children. I believe Lucas Vale is a school of huge potential and I am determined to secure an outstanding future for the school. I have the very highest expectations of the staff and all the children and it is my intention by working together we can make our school the best it can possibly be. I aim to do what is best for all of your children to ensure they become exceptional pupils within and outside of school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parents/carers who have made me feel so welcome as the Headteacher of Lucas Vale, your well-wishes and positive comments have been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to working closely with you in the future and building a very good relationship that allows us to give the very best to your children.

Wishing you all the best for the future.

Ruth De-Graft Cobblah

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Partnership News

Happy New Year everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely break, I know we are all ready to get back to our learning.

I just wanted to share some partnership news with you all. At Lucas Vale we have welcomed Mrs Cobblah (some of you will remember her as Ms. Incoom at Haseltine) as the new Head of School. This means you will be seeing more of me at the other schools.

You will remember that all four schools played in a football tournament at Haseltine at the end of last term. On Monday, during the Inset day, our maths leaders across all four schools, organised a morning of maths moderation. Teachers had the opportunity to share their children's maths books with each other and to talk about progress and attainment. This ensures the judgments we make about your children's learning are accurate.

On the same morning, our attendance, early years and SENDCO teams, from across all four schools, also met to share good practice. These teams all meet at least once a term in each others' schools.

Our partnership continues to grow and deepen- giving teachers/leaders opportunities to develop themselves and others as well as giving people support to become even better at what they do.

I'm really looking forward to the term ahead with you all.

Best wishes,

Jeanette Brumby

Executive Headteacher



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Staffing

As many of you may know, two of our lovely teachers will soon be leaving us to have their babies. Mrs Robertson will be leaving us today (Friday 11th January) and Mrs Huseyin will be leaving us next Friday 18th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them and their families all the very best with their new arrivals!

We are very excited to welcome some excellent new staff to the Lucas Vale Family:

Welcome back to Miss Mallinson who has now returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching 1VH on Thursdays and Fridays.

Sheena Kilroy is our new teacher in 2R covering Mrs Robertson's maternity leave alongside Miss Wendy.

Parris Moore has been with us for a short while and is our TA in 4H.

Kaya Oladujoye-Kilburn is our new TA in 5K

Tembisa Yama is our new SEN 1-1 in Reception M.

I know you will support us in making all of our new members of staff feel very welcome here at Lucas Vale.

Early Collection During School Hours

It has come to our attention that there has been an increase in some of our parents and carers requesting to take their child(ren) out of school early during the day for reasons such as appointments other than for the child or childcare issues. Whilst we sympathise, we do ask that these early collections are kept to a minimum. Every second that a child is in school is important and we do not want to interrupt their learning.

Thank you for your support.

Key Dates

RW to Deptford Library
Monday 14th January 2019

RM to Deptford Library
Friday 18th January 2019

1VH to Deptford Library
Monday 21st January 2019

1S to Deptford Library
Friday 25th January 2019