

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back, I hope you've had a restful break and your children and young people are keen to return.

I have to start with some sad news. Many of you will remember Kevin Franklin who taught at Foxwood for number of years. Sadly, Kevin passed away just before Christmas after suffering from a period of illness. Kevin was warm, kind and very popular with staff and children and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts go out to his family. We will be talking to the older children about Kevin today and will be having a special assembly for the 14-19 students on Tuesday morning. If your young person wishes to bring a candle to the assembly to light in memory of Kevin, then they are welcome to. Each class will light one, please don't feel that this is something that you need to do today.

With the start of the new year, we have some small staffing changes to share. Nicole Smith will be taking over as temporary primary phase leader, which is a position we are all excited about. Daniel Lee will be moving to 3F from Endeavour to support the Key Stage 3 phase, Matt Joyce will be remaining with Endeavour as will the class team.

We have a number of important dates for your diary this term, including the virtual meet the teacher event on the 24th January 2024 and our transition event on the 7th February 2024. We will provide more details closer to the events, but please pencil us into your diary.

With that, I wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you this year. As ever, if you have any questions, please contact us at school.

Kind regards



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Headteacher