



# BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

## Message from the Head of School:

What an amazing first week I have had at Buildwas. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and I sincerely hope that I will meet and exceed your expectations. I have been asked lots of questions this week and have received a few emails as well. I am really sorry that you haven't received a response from me, but I do intend to follow things up with you next week.

Being an Acting Head of a school is a strange beast as you are never sure if you should put your knowledge and wisdom onto the school or just 'mind the shop' so to speak until something is finalised. It is always a gamble, but I have made the decision to get stuck in and work to make a genuine difference with the school. I have worked in education since 1997 and have taught in schools within the South Telford Area. My passion is and will always be about shaping the lives of children in our care and working hard to ensure that they are receiving the best education which also means having a strong partnership with you. If you feel we as a school are not meeting that expectation, you must tell me!

## Buildwas Rocks:

Star of the Week returned to a more traditional Friday morning slot. It may not be how you remember as this week I have stripped it back to simply celebrating the amazing work individuals have made this week. Over the next few weeks, there will be changes coming which I am sure you will like. It was really lovely to share and celebrate the achievements of children in the hall today. Listening to how teachers spoke about their children was simply wonderful. Well done to all children who received a certificate today 😊

**Oak class** have proved once again how resilient they are when they are faced with change. They have welcomed a new TA, a new music teacher and a new Head teacher this week with their usual combination of friendliness, politeness and helpfulness, Mrs Jones and I were so impressed with their behaviour.

They have begun a number of exciting new topics this week. In RE we are learning about the Hindu Dharma (way of life) and in English we are studying explanation texts about looking after robot pets!

We are looking forwards to our first PE morning at William Brookes on Monday. Don't forget to send your child to school wearing their swimming kit under their PE kits with towels, goggles if you have them and a change of underwear in a carrier bag.





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**Holly Class** have started to explore balanced arguments, which they will be writing next week. To start their unit of writing, they have researched 'Should children have as much screen time as they want?'. This has led to a wonderful class debate, where they used the 'Just a Minute' format to share our thoughts and opinions. They have carried out research ready to include in their writing, using trusted sources. The new topic in Science is 'Animals including Humans'. Holly Class have designed their topic front covers for their science books, as well as exploring the structure of blood and its importance within the body. They are very excited about this term!

This week our class attendance is:

Willow	92%
Beech	89%
Oak	90%
Holly	87%

Please check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

What an amazing week I/we have had. I feel so privileged to be a part of the Buildwas family!

Take care,

Mr Millington

