



Staffing changes

Sadly, Mrs Dewell will be leaving us, as she has decided to retire, so that she can spend more time with her family.

In addition to the fantastic work she has done as our Office Manager, Mrs Dewell has also supported the school previously as a parent and a governor.

Mrs Dewell's last day will be Friday 24th June. I am sure you will join with me in thanking her for all the dedication she has given our school and wish her the best in the next phase of her life.

This will mean that for the time being Mrs McCormick will be the only member of staff in the school office, as we will not be able to appoint a replacement member of staff until September at the earliest. Whilst we will be seeking to use some external support on a temporary basis, please bear in mind that Mrs McCormick will be working alone most of the time.

In other staffing news, you will remember that Mrs Nathan leaves her Midday position this month to work at Ashdon Childrens Nursery. I am delighted to welcome Mrs Bidwell to our lunch time staff as a direct replacement for Mrs Nathan.



Academy update

On the Friday before half term, we received the news from the Department for Education, that the Regional School Commissioner has approved our request to become part of the Saffron Academy Trust.

The DfE have subsequently sent a message to say that there is not a long enough timeframe to make this happen between now and September. Therefore, after discussing this with Caroline Derbyshire, the CEO of SAT, we have agreed to aim for January 2023. Until we do convert, we will remain a Local Authority school.

Whilst we will endeavour to convert to an academy in January 2023, the Saffron Academy Trust are still in negotiations with the Local Authority about getting a legal commitment for them to carry out some Health & Safety work on our school site, so this process could lead to a further delay.



Stars of the Week

The Stars of the Week for the last time were:



Dates for your diary

Book Fair	w/c 13/6/22
Jubilee book reading	15/6/22
Sports Day	28/6/22
Sports Day (reserve)	5/7/22
Open Evening (3:30 -5:30)	18/7/22