

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



Friday January 18th 2019

Hello All and welcome back to the new term.

I hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter at the end of last term , I'm sure you will agree it gave a flavour of all the fun learning activities that happen in school.

As we will no longer be sending home the fortnightly newsletter I will write to you from time to time to keep you up to date with upcoming dates and events.

We have a school photographer in on February 4th who will be taking individual pictures of all the students. I have worked with her before and she is very experienced at working in special schools. There is no obligation to buy the photographs but they will be sent home for you to decide.

To coincide with Children's Mental Health week we will be hosting a coffee and information afternoon on Tuesday Feb 5th. I hope some of you will be able to drop in for a chat and to meet other parents. More details will follow soon.

## GOODBYE

As some of you already know we will be saying goodbye to Jo Berry who will be taking early retirement and leaving us on Friday January 25th. Jo has been at the school for over 6 years and I know has provided a huge amount of support to so many Stone Bay families. She will be missed by students, staff and families alike, but we wish her all the very best for the future and hope she will keep in touch.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a Family Liaison Officer . Until we have someone in that post if you have any concerns or enquiries you would normally have raised with Jo , please contact the school office or myself and we will be able to help you or direct you to the appropriate staff member.

## 2019/20 Term Dates

We have made some changes to the calendar dates for staff training days for the next academic year. We will not be having a whole week of training in October as in previous years and the dates have been divided across the year. I appreciate that there are varying views on this and I hope giving you as much notice as possible allows you to make the necessary arrangements for your families. Dates are attached.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do give me a call or pop in and see me.

**Paula**

## Diary Dates

Feb 4th Photographer in school

Feb 5th Parents Coffee Afternoon

## Parent Governor

We still have vacancies for parents to join us on the Governing Board. Your views are really important to us and I would welcome having a chat to any parents who might be interested. Alternatively our Chair of Governors Caroline Palmer would be happy to talk to you about the role.

One of our parents has found the following website useful in helping her understanding of Best Interests Meetings and wanted to share this link with other parents.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/legal-rights/mental-capacity-act-2005/best->