

9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It is an absolute honour to be able to start the new year as headteacher of Bewdley Primary School. Having initially been appointed back in July 2023, it feels as though it has been a long time coming! However, having used the Autumn Term to work closely with Mrs Woakes, it will hopefully ensure that there is a smooth transition for the school, despite the change in leadership. I am incredibly lucky to have had such a supportive and inspirational mentor in Mrs Woakes and would like to thank her for encouraging and motivating me throughout her time at BPS. I know that I speak for everyone when I wish her all the best in her retirement.

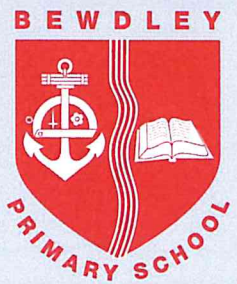
Having worked here since 2010, I have seen many changes within the school and in education generally. Our school population has increased by over 100 pupils, we've added 3 more classes, built a Learning Hub, created a Forest School, extended our Nursery provision and many, many other things. However, the one theme that has been consistent throughout, even through the low point of Covid, is the incredible ethos and spirit that runs throughout the school. Ensuring that this continues is one of my highest priorities and I know that this is echoed by the incredibly committed team that we have working at BPS.

Having been closely involved in the creation of this year's School Development Plan, our priorities as a school will continue to be those that Mrs Woakes spoke about in September. In its simplest form, that is to ensure that we provide a high level of teaching and learning for all our pupils and that they are safe and happy in school. Over the upcoming weeks and months, I will, of course, be looking at how we can strengthen this further and build on the solid foundations that are already in place.

From the initial feedback that's been given in our Parent/Carer Survey for this year, it's clear that the overwhelming majority of parents are confident that their child is happy and safe in school and that their needs are being met. We'll publish the complete results of this survey over the next few weeks but it remains open until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January if you would like to share your views:

<https://forms.office.com/e/k2J7K0mjnt>

Having worked at the school for so long and having known many of the BPS families for more years than I care to think about, I am in the enviable position of already knowing many of those who are within our school community. However, I am very much looking forward to meeting with our newer parents and carers soon. I can often be found in the mornings by the school gate or layby so do



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introduce yourself, especially if there's something that you'd like to chat about. If there is something in particular that you would like me to be aware of, in a more formal capacity, please do email me at [head@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) or make an appointment to pop in via the school office.

I would like to thank everyone who has wished me well in my new position and I look forward to working with you as the year progresses.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Bradley', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

**Amanda Bradley**

**Headteacher**