learning academy partnership

14th November 2018

Dear parents

First of all thank you for your patience as we work our way through the most recent changes at Charleton, following Mrs Watts' retirement at Christmas.

It would be highly unlikely that a quality appointment for a new, experienced permanent teacher could be made before April 2019. This is because notice periods for serving teachers would not come into effect until this time. In the best interests of the children and as we would not wish to use supply teachers from January 2019 until April 2019, we are pleased to advise you that Mrs K Coombe will be joining Charleton and will be teaching Croft Class for the remainder of the academic year. She will also take up the role of Senior Teacher.

Mrs Coombe is a very experienced, outstanding teacher who has worked for the Learning Academy Partnership over a number of years in our different academies. I was very fortunate to work alongside Mrs Coombe when I first joined the Learning Academy Partnership in 2015, and I'm delighted that a teacher and leader of such calibre is going to be joining our team here in the South Hams.

Since starting her teaching career in 2002 Mrs Coombe has had the opportunity to work in a wide range of schools including independent and international schools.

This is her seventh year working for the Learning Academy Partnership. Over this time she has taught in upper Key Stage Two and worked as Assistant Head and Literacy Lead. She has also worked supporting other schools and teachers as an SLE (Specialist Leader of Education) leading and facilitating professional development for teachers across our local area. She thrives on developing others to reach their full potential. She has thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the dedicated and happy staff in the Learning Academy Partnership and of course the wonderful children we teach. Her passion is reading and helping children to build a lifelong love of books through our reading in school and in partnership with parents.

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When Mrs Coombe is not teaching, she enjoys spending time appreciating the beautiful coast and countryside in our area and as such she is very much looking forward to exploring the beautiful South Hams with the children!

Mrs Coombe will be visiting Charleton before Christmas, both to get to know the team and to ensure a detailed, seamless transition for our children. We will also be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session on Wednesday 9th January.

In the meantime, I will make myself available on Friday 30th November for any parent who would like to make an appointment to meet with me to discuss this further.

We will also of course be asking you to join with us in celebrating Mrs Watts' retirement at the end of term, and will be in touch about these arrangements very soon.

With best wishes,

Mrs S Rowe-Jones
Executive Head Teacher