



ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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For all parents in all classes

Dear Parents/Carers

This may seem a bit long winded but please bear with me.

Currently, Mrs. Carlton in Reception class S, and our EYFS team leader, works 4 days per week. Mrs. Boardman then took over, on a Friday, to cover this. Unfortunately, Mrs. Boardman is no longer available on Fridays and we have seen an opportunity to benefit both pupils and staff here at St Anthony's.

We feel that we have found a very good solution and want to share this with you. It will mainly affect Reception S but will affect the other classes in the school at some point in the year.

Stay with me!

Being an EYFS teacher is a specialist area and one that every teacher should get experience with throughout their career so that they understand children's learning at the very start of their schooling. Therefore, with this in mind, I would like all of our teachers to spend a half term at a time, on a Friday, to cover for Mrs. Carlton.

The benefits to this way of working would be:

- The reception children become familiar with other teachers in the school
- They will meet good male role models
- The teachers get to know the youngest pupils in school and this will help when they meet again further up the school.
- The teachers can understand learning in the EYFS and this will help them plan their subjects with the youngest children in mind.

On the half term that your regular teacher is doing their EYFS stint we will have a regular, familiar person to cover the class on the Friday - Mrs. Gunson. Mrs. Gunson is well known to the children and will work closely with the class teachers to ensure continuity for your children and teach them her subject strength, which is French.

I understand that this is a bit unusual and you may have concerns. I invite you to either come and see me, ring me or email me at head@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk and I will happily discuss this with you.

I hope that you can support this at St Anthony's as it has a very good educational purpose and I feel that it will help our school become even better.

Kindest Regards

Mrs. RM Ballard

