



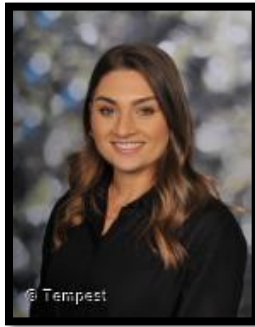
WHITFIELD ST JAMES' CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

July 2021

Welcome to Buttercup Class! I am Miss Taylor and I will be your class teacher in September. Miss Woods and Mrs Gleeson will be the Teaching Assistants in our class. We are all looking forward welcoming those families new to our school and excited to be spending another year with those children and families who have been in our nursery.



Miss Taylor



Miss Woods



Mrs Gleeson

Starting school is really exciting, you may have lots of questions. The BBC have created a wonderful resource <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/starting-primary-school/zvbthbk> containing games, videos, stories and advice about starting school. This video, although not our school, is a good introduction to the layout and activities on offer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4v792p>



Year 1 Children. Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Our first topic is called "*Me and My Community.*" As an introduction to a new topic all classes have a "Wow" day, for our first "Wow" day we will have a tour of our school and meeting the members of staff who help us, our office staff, School Cook, Dinner ladies and Caretaker. We will also have a local walk looking at our local community. This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

We hope you are all excited about starting your new class, we are going to have so much fun! Please do use the class email below should you have any questions or queries.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 6th September!

Miss Taylor, Miss Wood and Mrs Gleeson.

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