

# Axbridge Church of England First School Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Headteacher's Updates

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year and are particularly proud of our Reception children, who have settled into school extremely well. Our Aspirations Week was a huge success, culminating in an inspirational visit from an ex pupil, Jamie Harris, who described his journey from sailing on Axbridge reservoir to winning the World Championships in Argentina last year!

### PTA Meet and Greet

We would like to invite you as parents and carers to our PTA Meet and Greet evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in The Lamb. This will be an informal opportunity for you to meet members of the PTA and find out what we get up to and how you may be able to help!

### Admissions

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2019 will soon begin. For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and the national offer day is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is 31st October 2018 and the national offer day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) for the Primary and Secondary Admissions Guide to help making your online application.

We will be hosting an **Open Morning** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for parents applying for Reception places in September 2019.

### Staffing updates

I would like to welcome Miss Jessica Marsh to the team. Miss Marsh will be working predominantly in Oak and Redwood class as a Learning Support Assistant.

I will be working four days a week this year and will be absent from school on Wednesdays. Our school Senior Leadership Team comprises of Mr Shillabeer as Deputy Headteacher, Miss Nash as Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Beekmann as SENDCo. They can always be contacted in my absence.

### Parking around the School

Unfortunately we have been experiencing dangerous parking and driving at school drop off and pick up times in the roads that surround the school. Please can you park your car in safe and legal spaces around the school site, respecting our neighbours homes and driveways. May I also remind you we have a FREE Walking Bus Service that is designed to alleviate congestion and danger from the school's surrounding area. School staff meet children in the Meadow Street Car Park from 8.30am, and walk them safely to school. We repeat this at the end of the day and the children can be collected at 3.30pm from the same car park. If you wish to use this service please ask for a form at the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

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