



10/07/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the last few weeks of this academic year we look forward to our final school events including the postponed sports days and the Year 6 Leavers' Performance Peter Pan.

We will soon say goodbye to our Year 6 children along with a number of staff who are moving on to new and exciting adventures. Firstly, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Mannings as she retires from teaching after 25 years. Mrs Mannings has worked at Cottingley Village Primary School for 14 years leading teaching and learning, curriculum development and Early Career Teachers. Mrs Mannings will be continuing her work in education but moving into providing animal therapy for children and young people who are in Care and those with SEND. She will also be learning how to keep her new Alpacas! We wish you lots of luck Mrs Mannings we know you will be greatly missed.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Uppal who has taught at Cottingley for 10 years across school from nursery to Year 6, training new teachers and developing the RE curriculum. Mrs Uppal has been a valuable member of staff and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work in school and we wish her well as she moves to pastures new. Good luck and we will miss you!

Miss Illingworth will also be leaving us to teach in a new school and we would like to thank her being part of the team this year and wish her well in her new role.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Goodwin, affectionately known as 'Miss G' who is moving into a brand new career, as a detective in West Yorkshire Police, after gaining seven years of experience here at Cottingley. We are thrilled for her and wish her well in her new job, we know she will be brilliant.

There will be one or two changes next year. In September the school doors will open at 8.45am ready for the start of school at 8.55am. Children will also be expected to wear their PE kit on the days when they have Commando Joes, they will no longer wear 'outdoor clothes'. Children must come in either school uniform or PE kit (on PE and Commando Joe days).

Our new school uniform policy starts in September and we will send out a reminder letter for everyone next week.

If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a lovely summer break.

Kind regards

Miss D Ward and Mrs A Mannings

Co-Acting Headteachers