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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear parent,

We would like to wish all families and the Fulwell community a very happy, healthy new year and hope that everyone enjoyed a restful but exciting Christmas time.

The children were very enthusiastic this morning, but also very committed in trying their very best with all school activities and continuing to build upon the excellent progress they made in term 1. This term will see them continue to be sensitively challenged in order that they remain highly engaged in all aspects of school life, and continue to reach the high standards which make us so proud.

This term is relatively short, but will offer many different learning experiences for the children. We would like to welcome Mrs Sarah Lewis, teacher for class 9 and Dr Brendan Renwick, to our staffing team.

During the coming months we will be working towards welcoming Ouston Primary School into our multi-academy trust. Two schools, with two separate identities (no change to uniform), that are committed to sharing their best practice and developing together. I will become the CEO, in name, of the trust although my role at Fulwell, as Head teacher, will remain unchanged. I will not be spending time during the week at Ouston. Ouston will become an equal, partner school and offer Fulwell staff the opportunity of deepening their understanding of the key stage 2 part of primary education. Ouston also have accredited Forest School Trainers which our nursery and reception staff may well appreciate their advice if we decide to make even better use of our extensive land and gardens. Equally, Ouston are excited about sharing our expertise in the education of young children and are hoping to create their own nursery class.

The majority of partnership working will be outside of the school day and involve sharing of best practice and standards as both schools believe in offering the very best they can to each and every child.

We will continue to work very closely with our other partner schools, particularly Fulwell Juniors. As Ouston are a Durham school, they will follow Durham holiday patterns and we will continue to mirror the holiday patterns of Fulwell Juniors, with Fulwell families in mind. We are looking to the next academic year as a potential date for the multi-academy trust to be formed. I will continue to update parents whenever anything of significance happens.

The term 2 school diary will be finalised this week, including dates for class assemblies and parent meetings. Children in year 1 and 2 will receive written reports the week following half term. Parent meetings follow this and offer the opportunity to look through children's books. Lots of exciting learning experiences coming up this term!

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Angus

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Headteacher