

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

Deputy Headteacher Update

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you the warmest welcome back to school. The support received in recent days following the news of Mrs Brookes has been overwhelming and I have shared your messages of love and kindness with her. This, she is thankful for.

The children have returned to school exceptionally well, they have settled into their new classes quickly and are ready to learn. On Wednesday, classrooms were buzzing with excitement and warmth - a true delight to see. This week, we have started establishing routines across school to ensure consistency and high expectations for all.

At the start of the week, all members of staff within the ATLP have received 'Attachment and Trauma' training and have had an introduction into 'Emotion Coaching'. This training will support all schools on their journey of becoming Attachment and Trauma Accredited and an official Emotion Coaching School. As many of you will be aware, Mrs Franks is an experienced Emotion Coaching Practitioner Trainer. At the end of last term, she appointed ten student peer mentors. These children will begin emotion coaching training next week and will begin supporting their peers during break and lunchtimes. Following this there will be an opportunity to train all children, parents and wider family members. We look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with you.

Lucia Thornton
Deputy Headteacher

Communication Channels

A gentle reminder that all requests for meetings with school staff such as SENCO, family support worker etc are done through the school's admin email address and not direct email address. This ensures that messages are not missed and meetings can be arranged in an orderly manner.

RECEPTION AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

If you have not already applied for your child's admission for September 2024, whether it is Reception or for

Secondary school, please can you ensure that you check the Birmingham Education website and apply for your child's place via their online admissions by the date that is given.

IF YOU DO NOT APPLY IN TIME, YOU COULD RISK NOT GETTING A PLACE AT YOUR CHOSEN SCHOOL

Key Dates



Meet the teacher informal drop in

Thursday 21st September

3.30pm-4.30pm

Term Dates 2023—24

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November

Term Ends : Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends : Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends : Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days 2023 – 2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 1st December 2023


Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 8th April 2024

Friday 3rd May 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024


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New Staff

This year, we have 4 new members of staff that have started with us and I am delighted to introduce them to you. Miss Duignan is one of our new Reception teachers, Mrs Watts is our year 2 teacher alongside Miss Whateley, Mis Hergenbahn is one of our year 4 teachers who has been appointed from our SCITT programme and Mrs Elwell has joined our teaching assistant team working in year 4 and across KS2.

Below is a short introduction to them and I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm welcome to Team Mere Green.

Eleanor Duignan

Hello my name is Miss Duignan and I am very excited to be working with the children in Reception at Mere Green Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children throughout the first week. They have been a joy to spend time with and I am looking forward to watching them grow throughout the year.



A little bit about me: I have a little boy called Noah who is 16 months old who is very cheeky. Furthermore, I also have a dog called Mylo who is a Cocker Spaniel and is very mischievous.

My hobbies include: netball, running, dance going on holiday, reading and of course spending time with Noah and my family.
Something you might not know about me:

From a young age I was very much involved in dance. At the age of 16 I attended a dance school in Chester and trained as a professional dancer!

Katherine Elwell

My name is Katherine Elwell and I have been lucky enough to be associated with Mere Green Primary School for the last 9 years. Firstly, as a parent when my eldest daughter joined Reception in 2014 later joined by my youngest, who is currently in Year 5. In addition, during that time, I have been a part of the PTA team helping at discos, fairs and other fundraisers. This year, I am extremely excited to be joining the wonderful staff at Mere Green where I will be working within Year 4 as a Teaching Assistant as well as delivering maths interventions across Key Stage 2. I bring with me a number of years experience having been involved in education, in a variety of roles, since 2000 when I qualified as a teacher.



Away from school, when I am not being a taxi service to various after school activities, I enjoy taking our puppy, Stanley, on long walks in Sutton Park as well as settling down with a good book.

Mere Green has provided my children with a safe, nurturing environment where they have received a fantastic education and I am privileged to now help to do the same for your child.

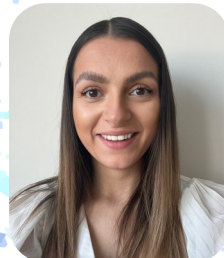
Bethany Hergenbahn


My name is Miss Hergenbahn and I am really happy to be joining Team Mere Green. I will be teaching in Year 4 this year. My favourite subject is Science! I also love reading, with it being a favourite hobby of mine. Another one of my favourite things to do is to go on a walk in the park with my dog. I am looking forward to meeting you all and joining the school community.



Rebecca Watts

Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Watts and I will be teaching in Class 2W Wednesday to Friday. I have been teaching in primary education for 7 years. I am a mummy to a one year old girl and have a two year old cockapoo who I love to take on walks! I enjoy baking and I am a self proclaimed chocaholic! I am so excited to be part of team Mere Green and can't wait to meet you all.




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