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Important News for Tillington Manor Primary School

Please read on to find out about some of the things that will be happening in our school from January 2020.

New Provision for the Stafford area at TMPS

We are pleased to announce that TMPS will be embarking on a shared venture with Cicely Haughton Special School and the primary schools in the Stafford area. We will be hosting a nurture led provision, which will support children with their social and emotional development. The provision will be led by staff from Cicely Haughton and will be based in the old Nursery classroom which is next to the ClubHouse and will be called Cicely@Stafford.

The children attending Cicely@Stafford will attend either a morning or afternoon session on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. They will be taught by Mrs Harvey, a teacher from Cicely Haughton, and two teaching assistants, also from Cicely Haughton. Applications for places at Cicely@Stafford (limited to 8 children per session) are made by the child's home-school, which they will continue to attend when they are not at Cicely@Stafford. As the school hosting the provision, we will also be able to access support for a very small number of our children.

The children attending Cicely@Stafford will be transported from their own schools for either a morning or afternoon session from Monday to Thursday each week. Although the children will have their own programmes of learning, they will occasionally join in with school events and special assemblies at Tillington Manor Primary School, as children from the Flash Ley Speech and Language Centre did 2 years ago.

As a school we are extremely excited and proud to be hosting a provision that is the first of its type in Stafford and has the potential to help and support children in so many ways.

Staffing at TMPS

From January 2020, we have appointed two Assistant Headteachers to help with the leadership of our school; this follows Mrs Bentley's appointment as Headteacher of a school in Derbyshire. Mrs Brian has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum and Standards and Mrs Brockhurst has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion (she will also take on the role of SENDCO). In order to provide time for them to carry out their leadership duties, we have recently appointed two part time teachers to help with the teaching of their classes:

- Miss Burkitt will teach Mrs Brockhurst's reception class on Tuesday and on Wednesday morning.
- Mrs Dolan will teach Mrs Brian's Y3 class on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday and Friday.

Obviously, over the next couple of weeks, we will be planning in opportunities for the children in the two classes to meet the teachers who will be working with them for part of each week from January.

Developing our curriculum

Over the last couple of terms we have spent a great deal of time reviewing and redefining the curriculum at Tillington Manor Primary School. We have developed plans for all subjects and aspects of our curriculum, based on the requirements of the National curriculum but reflecting our ambition to make the learning process as interesting, varied and relevant for our children as possible. Through our curriculum, we will:

- Promote positive attitudes to learning.
- Encourage the development of the skills and attitudes necessary for each child to make a positive contribution to the society of the 21st century.
- Help each child achieve the highest possible standards in reading, writing and mathematics - through opportunities to apply the core skills in the different curriculum areas, topics and subjects as well as in English and Mathematics lessons.
- Provide a broad and balanced range of learning opportunities (based on the statutory elements of the National Curriculum) to inspire children's interest and build on their skills, knowledge and understanding.
- Encourage the development of each child's ability to think creatively, reason and problem-solve.

If you would like to view the plans that have been prepared, please visit the school's website:

www.tillingtonmanor.staffs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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