Thursday 7th September, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please can I take this opportunity to welcome all our families back to school and the start of the new academic year. I do hope you have had an excellent summer break and are ready for the academic year ahead. The children have returned ready and keen to learn and are quickly settling into their new routines. It has also been a pleasure to welcome our new Reception children to the Sandiway family this week as part of their induction to BIG school.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Ashley Graham to our team as the Year 4 teacher and Mrs Abby McNair as part of ‘The Club’ team. We were sorry that due to personal reasons Mrs Sue Worsdale made the difficult decision to leave Sandiway during the holidays and we thank her for all her hard work and devotion to pupils past and present.

Over the summer break, school staff have given much of their time to prepare their classrooms and to plan an exciting curriculum for the new year ahead. Please can I direct you to the school website, where on the curriculum page you will find the autumn term curriculum maps for each year group. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to a ‘meet the teacher’ session next Wednesday at the end of the school day. By sharing our class/school expectations, routines and curriculum content will prepare us all to support the children. If you are unable to attend staff will upload the power point to their class page.

As we continue to move the school forwards this year we are focusing on the’ Sandiway Team’ in line with our vision statement of ‘**Growing and achieving together’**. By our families, pupils, staff, LAB and Trust all working together we will achieve the greatest success for our pupils where every pupil can thrive to achieve their very best underpinned by our ROCK values of **Respect, Ownership, Caring and Kindness** in everything we do.

Our priorities this year are to continue to build upon and embed the Ofsted Inspection actions from Jan 2023. I am very excited to what our new academic year will bring and want to thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Bertram

Head Teacher