

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Introductory Newsletter

Hello, may I introduce myself, I am Mr Ronald Hall and I am proud to be the new Interim Principal of West Thornton Primary Academy. My background covers far too many years for me to care to remember, but I have enjoyed each and every one of them. Throughout my career I have had the privilege to be the Head teacher of several schools and taught from reception through to secondary age pupils. However, primary education has always been my passion and developing well educated, independent learners my aim.

This will be the first of many regular newsletters designed to keep you all up to date and to assist in developing the communication links between the school and yourselves. However, may I take this opportunity to apologise for not producing this newsletter sooner. I am sure you will all appreciate that as a new Leadership Team we have all been very busy. We have spent many hours observing lessons, talking to the pupils and staff and getting to know your children. This has been both an informative and very pleasurable experience for us all, and has shown us what lovely children there are in West Thornton. I can assure you, you can be proud of each and every one of them.

May I thank all of you who have taken the time to say hello and talk to us when we are on the gate first thing in the morning and at home time. It has been really pleasant to get to know you and your children. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to say hello, do please feel free to do so, you will receive a warm welcome. The Senior Leadership Team and I are also always happy to see you at other times, please contact the school to arrange a meeting if you would like to speak to any of us.

I would now like to introduce you to the rest of the team:

Mrs Cathrae & Mrs McPhee are Associate Head teachers



Mrs Cathrae



Mrs McPhee



Our new Deputy Heads are Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Budhan-Mills, Mrs. Mukerji (Mrs Mukerji is also our SENDCO) and Mr Schwartz



Mrs Callaghan



Mrs Budhan-Mills



Mrs Mukerji



Mr Schwartz

Mrs Theophilou who is our new Business Manager



Mrs Theophilou

All of us would like to thank you for your support and look forward to working with you to develop West Thornton Primary Academy.

Many of you have asked about the after-school club and I am sorry that as of yet, I cannot provide a concrete answer as to when it will start again. However, the Governing Body are meeting on Monday to decide which supplier will be offered the contract. Once agreed it will take time to gain DFE approval but hopefully this will not take too long. Our aim is to have this finalised for February half term but we will keep you updated as this is a priority for us.

A new PTA/parent forum has been formed and I am sure they would welcome support from all of you who wish to be involved. This group will not only provide support to the school and activities for pupils and parents, but I hope will be able to act as your forum to provide us with your views and ideas as to how we can improve the school. The team and I are always open to your views so do please let us know.

Thank you for your time and I hope you have found this newsletter useful and informative. Until next time, may I say goodbye.

Regards,

Mr Ronald Hall  
Interim Principal

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