## CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER
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Dear Parents/Carers,

With 2024 having started in earnest, I'm proud to say that the children have once again settled down to the 'nitty-gritty' of the new term, reasonably well.

A quick reminder that if you would like to 'keep a track' of what your child is learning, all Year Groups have posted their 'Curriculum Plan - Golden Thread' on our school website, which can be accessed by following these links; from the Home Page, click on the coloured pencils which denote your child's Year Group, and then on the Curriculum Plan 'Cloud' icon, or, alternatively, use the drop-down box from the top of our Home Page, click on, Pupil Pages, choose your child's Year Group from the menu and then, again, simply click on the Curriculum Plan 'Cloud' icon. I am hoping that your child has already shared their learning experiences with you, however, if they remain tight-lipped about this, these areas will help you both support and question them on their daily activities.

Alternatively - if you would like to know what is happening in your child's class - please do feel free to contact the school and we will relay any messages to their class teacher, who will be more than happy to contact you to discuss or clarify any issues you wish to further understand.

January seems to have lasted forever - but as we ease into February and the end of the first half-term of the year, we have some farewells to say and some good luck and best wishes to share. Miss Ramsey - Ash class - is leaving us to continue her career in another local school, and their gain will most definitely be our loss. Miss Ramsey has been part of Conifers for several years now, and has had nothing but a positive impact on all the children she has taught. Both they and Miss Ramsey's colleagues will undoubtedly miss her, but we also wish her nothing but the very best in her future role. We have been lucky enough to secure the experience and expertise of Mrs Emma Maggs, who will take up the reigns and help steer the children of Ash to the end of the academic year. We look forward to welcoming her to the Conifers community.

As one new member of staff joins us, another 'old' one (I obviously mean that metaphorically) takes her leave. Mrs Prior is off to have baby number two - and judging by the size of her, we were lucky to keep her as long as we did! We're obviously all super excited to meet the new addition to the Prior household and wish her nothing but the best, as she heads towards sleepless nights and a conveyorbelt of dirty nappies! I will of course keep you updated on all the gossip!

To end, I would just like to say a public THANK YOU, to all those parents and carers who are able to help us with accompanying the children to various events and extra-curricular activities. I recognise the 'draw' on your time this represents and very much appreciate your assistance in ensuring these opportunities continue to happen.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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**Year 4** have been enjoying their time outside in the Forest School. So far two groups have ventured out into the cold to learn new skills and embrace nature. They have used tools to create Roman spears and minibeast homes, learnt cooking skills on an open fire and used knots to craft natural Christmas tree decorations.





















