



Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First, can we start by saying a Happy New Year to you all and we hope you had a good Christmas.

While standing at the school gate this morning, it was great to see how well the children came into school. They are a credit to you all.

This afternoon we met the children in an assembly. Mr Cooper explained who he was and how things are going to work for this spring term, given Mrs Knoupe has left and Miss Kent has not yet started as the new headteacher.

As you know, Mrs Roy is Interim Head of School for this spring term, and she will be supported by Ms Collin as Assistant Headteacher. Both are out of class and so will deal with the day-to-day eventualities that crop up. Mrs Roy and Ms Collin will be the senior leaders in the school full time and should be your first port of call if you need to speak to someone.

Mr Cooper joins us as Interim Executive Head Teacher (part time) during Terms 3 and 4, as well as remaining in his role at Swalecliffe. He will provide further support to Mrs Roy and the rest of the school team and will be in school approximately half of each school day. We are looking forward to working together as a Leadership Team.

In the first instance parents should contact the class teacher of course, but if you would have wanted to contact Mrs Knoupe about something, then please contact Mrs Roy instead. If you prefer to send an email then please send it for the attention of Mrs Roy or for Mrs Roy/Mr Cooper to the manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk email address. That way we can ensure a speedy response if Mr Cooper is not in school.

Finally, we wanted to remind parents that if children have a fever they should not attend school. Thank you for your support in this matter. Hopefully, the children will all stay as well as possible, as regular attendance at school is so important for this generation of children given the previous few years.

We look forward to working with you all this coming term.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

