



# Faringdon Junior School

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Dear children, parents and carers,

What a term it's been! Between searching for a new Headteacher and managing the challenge of the building works, it's been a busy one, but our focus has remained throughout on the teaching of the children and ensuring that they progress. Mrs Mitchell has been working hard 'closing the gaps' in the children's knowledge, in line with the new curriculum and new levels.

The Academy has helped us with how we teach reading and comprehension and as the year progresses, you will see more Reading initiatives in the school, building on Mrs Caddick-Adams' Tattered Book Campaign. The school is also making a large investment in new books for the library and classrooms.

We are saying goodbye to Mr Turner at Christmas as he retires after a career in teaching that spans over 40 years, 10 of them at FJS. Mr Turner says that the things he has enjoyed the most are always about the children; the moment when a child makes a connection between one subject and another or the smile that comes when they suddenly get something and he is most proud of helping to create schools where children are trusted and cared for - and happy! He has proved an inspiration to many children in Faringdon and he will be hugely missed by the school. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Sammon in January, who will be our Acting Headteacher two days a week, supported by Mr Chetty. He will be your main point of contact, after your child's class teacher. Our search for a new Headteacher will start again in January.

We wish all the children, staff and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Nicola Ferguson, Amelia Holden, Siobhan Vinall, Anthony Cook, Ewan Quibell, Emma Brant, Sarah Smith and Duncan Scott