

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take the opportunity to reassure you that I, the Staff at Hatton Park and the Staff at Histon & Impington Junior School will be working hard to raise the attainment of your children and to improve the school generally. Some aspects of school life will change quickly, but others will take time to embed.

I have enjoyed meeting the children and intend to get to know them well. They have talked freely about their likes and dislikes and I hope we can change things for the better as required. We want everyone to be proud of their school and to attain as high as possible.

I hope you will come and make yourselves known to me and we can all work together to make this a successful school.

I understand that many of you are very anxious but there is a lot of activity 'going on' behind the scenes which will make a difference for children and staff. I will try to keep you up to date with major events but here is a flavour of some of the changes that are happening:

- Teachers will have release time in **teams** to plan, prepare and assess.
- Year 6 children, initially, to have specialist teaching in some areas of the curriculum, supported by Staff from Histon & Impington Junior School and Swavesey Village College.
- New office systems and procedures are being implemented.
- ICT capacity is being reviewed (technical capacity).
- There is a School Improvement Adviser working in the school for 21 days this term to support staff.
- Some Y6 children will be having 1 to 1 or extra small group tuition.
- Assessment, SEN (Special Educational Needs), Maths, English, Early Years, Science and ICT are all areas that will have extra input to ensure standards are as high as possible.
- Markings on the playing field to be reviewed, so that the children can have more designated areas for activities.

Staff News:

Mrs Veeneman will be taking up a teaching position at Willingham Primary School in January. We wish her all the best with her new role. The teaching vacancy is being advertised but we have already had interest from some very strong candidates.

I hope to meet many of you at the Parent/Governor Meeting on Thursday 17th November 2011.

Best wishes

Lesley Birch