Dear Foxes Parents,

I am writing to introduce myself as your child’s teacher for this year. I know most of you know me very well already, having taught your child for two years.

I have been in Copdock School since 2005, working mostly in Foxes class before spending 3 years in Woodpeckers. I am so pleased to be back in year 5/6 and look forward to the challenges that life in this age range brings. I will be working hard to ensure your child achieves the very best they can, whilst having a full and enjoyable curriculum.

If, however, you have any concerns that need addressing please contact me straight away. You are welcome to catch me after school or email in and arrange an appropriate time to talk. Most problems can be resolved quickly if they are brought to my attention as soon as they arise. I believe in working closely with parents to ensure the children are confident and happy whilst in school.

We will be starting the reading challenge next week, where we ask children to read 5 times a week at home. There is a direct link between children that read regularly and higher academic achievement. Please encourage your child to take part and record in their diaries that this has been done. Spellings will be on Spelling Shed as before and times tables can be practised on TT Rock Stars. Any homework will be set on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday. This will be written in diaries so you can see what they should be doing. At this age I would expect your child to be trying the homework for themselves and asking for support when needed. If they are unable to complete a task, please put a note in the diary and I will help them in school. Homework at our school is a compulsory part of education and we believe it helps embed the learning that they have been doing in class. Please support us in ensuring it is completed appropriately.

As we are trying to develop independence, I would be grateful if you help your child manage their own belongings and take responsibility for bringing everything to school that they need. Coats will be required during the wet weather as the children will be outside for PE and break times unless the weather is too bad. PE kits will be needed on Fridays.

Foxes children are allowed to wait in the green area in the mornings before school, we do not require an adult to stay with them but they are expected to wait there until the bell rings and not play on or use any equipment as they are not supervised during this time.

I am aware that some children walk home or part way home on their own after school. I would be grateful if you could let me know your arrangements for this so I know who should be leaving the school without an adult. Would you please also discuss what your child should do in the event you are not here to meet them.

As always our school vision is to have responsible, confident and successful children. The partnership between school and home is essential to achieving this and I hope we can work together to enable all the children to be the very best they can be!

Wendy Windmill