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WILTON & BARFORD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Improvement Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of term 5, I wanted to write and give you an update on just some of the areas that have been improved upon this term. A few of the key improvements headlines so far are:

Improving Attendance:

- Overall attendance is now at 95.45%, which is still below the target of 96%, but is up from 95.2% in February.
- Persistent absence (those who attend less than 90% of the time) has decreased from 12% to 8% since February. Thank you for your support in this, we all know how important school is and with your support we can reach our first target of 96% before the end of the academic year!

Increase Leadership Capacity:

- A Deputy Headteacher, James Newbury, has been appointed to start in September 2018. He is an experienced teacher and leader moving from a large school. Mr Newbury will be in school a number of times during Term 6.
- Training has been given to all subject leaders on how to monitor teaching and learning within their subject. Monitoring of teaching and learning is now an integral part of all that we do.

Improving Quality of Teaching and Learning:

- A new assessment system is now embedded within the school. Staff have received significant training in the expectations of children and teaching methods that support children to achieve ambitious goals.
- The curriculum has been redesigned to give the flexibility to follow the interests of the children and capture their imagination. Work is ongoing to plan an exciting curriculum for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- Phonics teaching has been overhauled to use a more robust synthetic phonics programme – Letters and Sounds – children are now taught in small groups for phonics that allow for more targeted challenge and support to be given.
- A new planning format has been introduced as well as new curriculum resources to support teachers in planning exciting learning activities that match the needs of the children.
- Curriculum resources have been purchased to enhance our provision for the children.
- Extensive training has been given to all staff on recent best practices on how children learn and the importance of teaching children how to learn.

We still have much to do and are working hard on all our improvement priorities. The current full school improvement plan is able to be viewed on our website and will be updated on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continuing support for Wilton and Barford School. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to talk to me.

Best Wishes,

Richard Boase

