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## *Balfour Junior Academy*

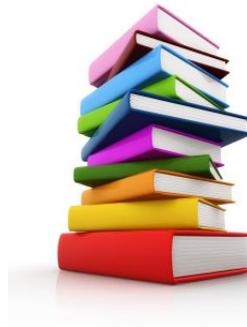
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Academy Trust*



*Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

Dear Parents and Friends

It is with real sadness that I write to tell you all that, after a period of ill health, Adam Justice, our site manager has decided not to return. Adam has worked at Balfour for thirteen years and is well known to you all. His smiling presence at the gate at the beginning and end of every day will be really missed. I know that you will join with me in wishing him happiness for the future and I am sure you will see him around locally as soon as he is fit and well again.



A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Dundon who have donated a vast range of beautiful books to our school library. We are all so grateful to them for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

By popular request our annual pantomime will be taking place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 1.30. A voluntary donation of £2 is needed from as many children as possible to cover the cost of the theatre company so if you haven't been able to send yours in as yet it will be very gratefully received.

Many thanks for supporting our recent Christmas Fair. The children all seemed to enjoy playing the games and buying their Christmas goodies and there was a great atmosphere on the day. In total we raised £1,591.89 from our fair and present sale, this money will be used to provide all the little extras which make the school fun and enjoyable for the children which can't be paid for via the school budget. Thank you for your continued support.

*With very best wishes*

*Kim Parnell*

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# Fort Pitt Thomas Aveling Academies Trust



January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Let me introduce myself, my name is Andrew Minchin and, with effect from the 1st January 2020, I took over from Paul Jackson as the Executive Headteacher for the Fort Pitt Thomas Aveling Academies Trust.

Mr Jackson stepped down to focus solely on The Thomas Aveling School, which I know for many of you is, quite rightly, your school of choice for Secondary Education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jackson for the support he has given to Mrs Parnell and Balfour Juniors, since the school joined the Trust three years ago, and wish him well in taking Thomas Aveling to even greater heights.

As you are aware, Mrs Parnell retires at the end of term 4, after nine great years as Headteacher of Balfour Juniors. During this time, the school has undergone significant improvements and she leaves the school in a very strong position. I know she will be greatly missed by both her staff and students. On behalf of the staff, Governors and Trustees, I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for improving the life chances and educational experience of the Balfour children both past and present.

The Trustees, Governors and I are equally delighted to formally announce the appointment of her successor – Mrs Zoe Mayston. Mrs Mayston has been the Deputy Headteacher at Gravel Hill Primary School in Bexleyheath for the last 10 years, and she brings with her a significant amount of experience that will enable her to continue to maintain and improve the excellent education provision at the school. We hope that you will give her a warm welcome on her arrival after the Easter holidays.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Minchin

Executive Headteacher

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