



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TEACHER AWARDS

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to share with you that three of our teachers recently received a national teaching award for their outstanding contributions. Many of you kindly responded to my request in March and sent in your nominations. The teachers with the most nominations were Mrs Search, Miss LeBeau and Mr Patterson.

In assembly on Friday I shared the wonderful news with the children and read the letter that had been written to the award winners by the famous author, Michael Morpurgo (attached). It was quite an emotional assembly and I thanked all staff (teaching and support staff) for their incredible commitment. Without them our school would not be the place it is and I am forever grateful for their hard work and determination to make a difference to the children they teach. I think a great deal of your children and for me they deserve the very best education by the very best staff. It is heart-warming to have our teachers acknowledged in this way.

My own experience of school was not a positive one and I also shared this with the children. It was due to a kind head teacher, an encouraging secondary English and an unforgettable Economics teacher that I learnt the important lesson of hard work and determination. They opened my mind to the opportunities to me and I was the first to go to university in my family. If it wasn't for them I would never have become a teacher, let alone a headteacher. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't have continued my education and certainly wouldn't be studying for my doctorate at Cambridge. These teachers were my second chance and I can see how the teachers and support staff at our school inspire your children and develop their self-belief and confidence to become their best self.

I hope that when you see Mrs Search, Miss LeBeau and Mr Patterson you will join me in congratulating them on such a wonderful achievement.

This letter is sadly bitter sweet. Miss Gibbs has regrettably decided to leave the teaching profession. We will be very sad to see her go. She has been a wonderful teacher here these past two years with us and although a short one, her legacy will be considerable; I know without doubt the children she has taught will remember her always. We wish her the very best and hope she will stay a friend of the school and it's community.

We also wish Mrs Gough well and hope she will enjoy her new school, closer to home.

We welcome a number of new staff to our school family, all of whom your children will meet on the meet the teacher days. We are delighted they are joining us.

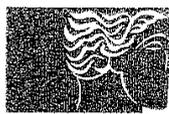
Miss Arnell

Miss Steventon-Kiy

Miss Butcher

Miss Middleton

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The work you do - day in, day out - is life-enhancing, life-changing. It is also often hard and exhausting - I know that. I've done it. But I know it can be hugely rewarding too. There are days when it feels like the best job in the world, and days when it feels ... well, not like that at all.

I am writing to you to congratulate you and to thank you. For a child to have a great teacher like you is so important. You open doors, shine a light. You spend your working life passing on to children all that you know and love. Your devotion to them, to colleagues, to the schools you work in has been extraordinary.

If I had a Krumpet to blow a bells to ring out, then that would be wonderful. But I have only this pen and these words to celebrate your achievements, to express my admiration. So, bravo you, bravo!

All the best,

Michael Morpurgo  
President of the Foundation Awards