

8th January 2008

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to be writing this letter to you as the new Headteacher of St Aldhelm's Church School. Firstly may I wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you had a lovely Christmas.

St Aldhelm's Church School is a very special school and I feel privileged to be the new Headteacher. For the past five years I have been Deputy Headteacher at Chew Stoke Church School, which I was sad to leave, but also excited about my new post. During my visits to St Aldhelm's I have always been welcomed and felt its sense of community. I feel it is really important to have a caring, happy school where every child matters.

I have a passion for learning and want every child to be successful so that they can fulfil their dreams, have high self esteem and are curious and keen to learn. There is nothing more important to me than the whole community working together to ensure that St Aldhelm's becomes a centre of excellence where all its pupils achieve their potential academically, creatively and socially.

I am determined to make sure that the good work of St Aldhelm's Church School continues and that it becomes more successful, as together we work out new and better ways of ensuring the very best learning environment and education for our children.

To introduce myself a little more and to talk to you about any concerns or ideas for the future of the school, I would like to invite you to an open coffee morning on Wednesday 16th January between 9.00 - 10.30am in the school annex. It would be lovely if you can pop in even if only for a short time, as I would love to meet you and get to know you a little better. I would also like to continue these coffee mornings regularly, once a term, just an informal time that we can talk about any issues or concerns, but also plans and ideas.

I look forward to meeting you all and hope that you will get involved in the life of the school, you will be most welcome.

I will try to be in the playground before school and at the end of the day please come and say hello or come into school at any time. My door is always open and I will try to be available.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Mounter