

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new exciting school year has begun and I have commenced my new role as full-time SENDCo in Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School. I continue to be committed to the well-being of your children as are all the staff.

The children's personal, social and emotional wellbeing underpins and affects every area of learning. In order to ensure we are meeting all the children's needs both academically and emotionally, we would like to offer drop in sessions. This will provide you with the opportunity to discuss with school any worries or concerns you may have regarding your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing. I will be available on Wednesday and Friday mornings until 12 o'clock at the school's Lower Site. Please email the school office if you would like book a session.

In school, the children will also have opportunities to share their worries or concerns. Foundation Stage to Year 3 children will all have an individual Care Bear which will be kept in their lockers. If a child is experiencing any concerns or worries they can leave the Care Bear with the teacher. The teachers will then ensure that they speak to the child to ease their concerns. Year 3 to Year 6 will have their own individual 'Worry Box' as mentioned in the newsletter. The teachers will also ensure that all individual worries or concerns will be addressed through either private conversations or PSHE Circle Time activities.

It has been so lovely to see so many smiley faces around our primary school this week. I have been popping in and out of all the classes and the children have settled incredibly well back into school routines.

I am looking forward to greeting the remaining year groups on their return and working with all the children and families across our new primary school. Have a lovely restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Murphy

SENDCo