

25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**From the Chair of the Governing Board, Nigel Linacre, BEM**

A massive thanks to Rachel Neville for her 17 years' service at Frogwell. We wish her well in her new role with Wiltshire Council's Targeted Education Service. And a big welcome to Dan Crossman and Russell Goodman, a highly successful team, as you will see below, who will lead us through Terms 5 and 6, with Lucy Cooper, our existing Assistant Head, and Laura Venn, who you can also read about below. You will enjoy meeting them soon. Welcome Dan Crossman, Russell Goodman and Laura Venn!

**✿ Meet Your Interim Leadership Team!**

Hi everyone! We are really excited to be joining Frogwell in Terms 5 and 6 to ensure that your school, children, staff, and families are well-supported before your new permanent headteacher, Imogen Woods, takes up post in September.

**Here's a little bit about us:**

**👤 Dan Crossman – Headteacher**

Dan is currently the headteacher of Marlborough St Mary's. He has been at Marlborough for three and a half years and was previously the headteacher at Collingbourne Primary. Dan has taught in a variety of settings, including London, Swindon, and Devizes. He has a strong track record of school improvement, leading Collingbourne Primary to the top 1% of schools nationally for results. Most recently, under his leadership, Marlborough St Mary's achieved the highest possible outcome in all areas in its Ofsted inspection, with the lead inspector describing the report as "exceptional." 🏆

**👤 Russell Goodman – Deputy Headteacher**

Russell is currently the deputy headteacher at Marlborough St Mary's and has previously served as head of school at St George's in Semington. He brings a wealth of experience, including leading English improvement across a multi-academy trust, multi-agency working with SEND and Social Care, and developing highly creative curriculums. ✨

**👤 Laura Venn**

Laura is the SENDCo and Resource Base Manager at Marlborough St Mary's. While she may not be on-site at Frogwell as regularly as Dan or Russell, her expertise in SEND will be invaluable as we work to provide the best possible support for our children (please note, Mrs Haines is still the Frogwell SENDCo).

🗨️ We truly value working closely with parents and families. We make a point of being accessible and will be on the school gate each day to greet you and your children. However, we'd love the chance to tell you more about ourselves and, more importantly, get to know you better too.

**📅 You're warmly invited to a 'Meet the Team' presentation at school at 2:45 PM on Tuesday 1st April - we can't wait to meet you! No need to book, please just come to the school office on the day.**

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