

## Community Matters

What a difference a month makes, I could never have imagined that I would be writing this with a national school closure and our country in lock down. There are so many positives and reasons for excitement around the work that we are continuing to do for Alder Grove but in the current climate plans for these have had to be adapted. However, be rest assured that we are still fully on schedule to open in September.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Fothergill as our Nursery Teacher for September and Miss Norkett as our Reception teacher. I would like to personally welcome them both to Alder Grove and I am really excited about the team we are starting to build. The school is starting to take shape with classroom furniture and resources being ordered, IT infrastructure has been implemented and a wrap around care provider has been appointed to run breakfast and after school clubs.



I had the pleasure of being invited to speak at Shinfield Baptist Church in early March. The congregation have been incredibly supportive of Alder Grove and it was very humbling to hear how they have been keeping the school, its future, the children and their families very much in their prayers and thoughts. Having these conversations is so encouraging as I see the small roots of Alder Grove start to grow, develop and take hold.

It is times like this that community is so very important and paramount to supporting us through these difficult times. We may have to rely on the kindness of others to get us through tough days. What a fitting way to open a school in September that wants to have community at its heart.

We look forward to updating you in next month's issue and know that you all very much in my thoughts as we continue to go through this time.

Mr P Theobald  
Head of School

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