

## **EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME**



Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher at Pye Bank CE Primary School. We believe that this is an exciting opportunity to join a committed, talented, enthusiastic and hardworking team of staff, which is very well placed for further development. We are a proud member of the Diocese of Sheffield Academies Trust and work in partnership with Trust schools, and particularly with Emmanuel Junior Academy.

Following a very successful HMI visit in 2018 and receiving a good judgment from SIAMs, we feel confident that we can move our school to good and then to be an outstanding, world class school over the next three years.

Our potential to be outstanding comes from our amazing children, our committed staff, the diversity of our faith based community, our committed and aspirational parents and our partnership working with DSAT. All of these factors make Pye Bank an exciting place to work and a fabulous learning community to belong to. All of these aspects give us a 'uniqueness' as a school, which will certainly help us to stand out for all the right reasons. The children were described very positively by both OFSTED and SIAMs.

**'Pupils are polite and well behaved. They get on well and are highly respectful to one another.' (OFSTED Feb 2017)**

I am absolutely thrilled as the Executive Headteacher to introduce you to Pye Bank CE Primary School. It is a fantastic school, set in the heart of Pitsmoor and this is an exciting time for us. We have introduced a new and exciting curriculum and we encourage innovative practice and creativity. The curriculum is designed to serve the very diverse community of which we are so proud.



***WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN, PROUD OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY.***

We are proud of what we achieve every day with our fabulous children. We are a school with the ambition to be outstanding.

We are very proud of the efforts of all our Staff, Children and Families during the very challenging school closures from March 2020. We moved our learning online to our Virtual School and we are very proud of what we achieved. You can read about it here in the Sheffield Star article.

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/education/sheffield-primary-school-takes-classroom-online-help-educate-children-during-lockdown-2565549>

We have a large leadership team and teacher coaches so that we are able to support all staff effectively and work in true partnership for the benefit of our children:

***'Strong focused leadership of the school rooted in Christian values that have set high expectations resulting in a clear focus to raise standards across school.' (SIAMs April 2017)***

Our aim is for every child to achieve at the highest level they can but it is also very important to us that all children feel safe, secure and HAPPY.



Our Christian ethos is very important to us and we encourage all members of our school community to live our values every day. Although we are a Church of England School families and staff of all faiths are welcomed and valued equally. Our curriculum is reflective of our diversity.



We have some key strengths in History and Geography, PE, Art and Music and children have a keen interest in RE. We have a well-structured Maths curriculum and take a Mastery Approach. We place reading and phonics central to our work and use Read Write Inc Spelling across school and have a very innovative approach to the teaching of Vocabulary. We believe in engaging with research informed practice and invest in staff development. Take a look at our website to find out more about our curriculum. <https://www.pyebank.sheffield.sch.uk/curriculum>

#### **Key strengths identified within our SIAMs Inspection were:**

- ✓ Relationships between the diverse school community which are rooted in the school's core Christian values of respect and love.
- ✓ The core Christian values being continually demonstrated by the pastoral support team and their focus on wellbeing

#### ***As a Christian Foundation School serving its community our mission is:***

"To inspire and challenge the bodies, minds and souls of all learners, within a secure community underpinned by Christian values where all find respect for themselves, their families and their traditions."

***The school is welcoming and friendly, and its values and ethos are reflected well in the positive attitudes of pupils and staff. Pupils are polite and friendly and all cooperate well together. (OFSTED)***

We are on a journey towards outstanding, within all areas of school life and want to ensure that our amazing children receive the best education possible so that they can go out into the world and achieve their dreams. We have wonderful staff who all love to be at Pye Bank and a strong legacy of good practice.

A real strength of the school is our commitment to the whole child. We place an important emphasis on social play, breakfast club provision, pastoral support, a great lunchtime Café experience and sport. Pye Bank children have a wide choice of sporting extracurricular activity to be involved in and also opportunities within the curriculum to take part in various PE activities, which do include ice skating and swimming! We have earned a Gold Award for School Sports for a number of years now and in 2016 we were the Sheffield Arches Primary School of the Year. In 2018 we were awarded the Playleaders of the year award. We were thrilled! In 2020 we were also awarded the Active Girls Award from Arches.

In non-COVID times we run many clubs during the year cross country, netball, multi skills, football for girls and boys, boxing, dance, gymnastics, Cricket, Futsal, athletics clubs to name a few and all are oversubscribed. We now take part in much more intra school competition through our partnership with The Arches Sports Partnership.

We have a wonderful physical and learning environment, which everyone who visits us now always comments on. We are particularly proud of our Lavender Field (School Hall) which forms the heart

of our school. We have a Forest School area and a pond to make learning exciting. The thing that makes our school most special is the children. They are warm, welcoming and aspirational. They love to learn and are showing a fabulous attitude to school life, turning up with a smile each day for others.

***Our staff are important to us. We believe motivated staff do the best job they can. We care about our staff and believe the little things matter. At the heart of good wellbeing is job satisfaction and workload. All teachers are supported by a phase leader and have PPA with their year group partner to share the load. We always consider workload within our working practices, including assessment and we ensure the school day is organised and runs smoothly. All teachers have an IPAD.***

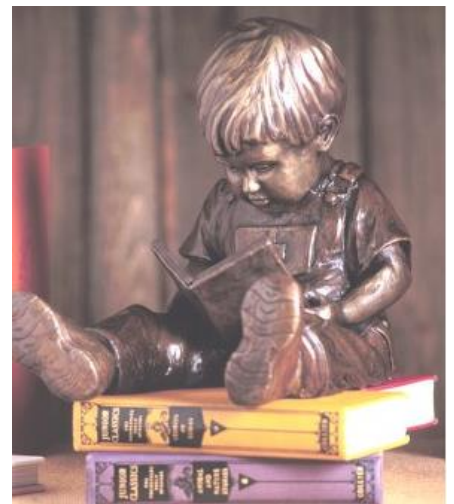
***Learning is at the heart of ALL we do and our aim is for every child to achieve excellence and to reach for the stars.***

We are absolutely committed to working in partnership with our parents and our community and will be looking at new and exciting opportunities and possibilities to extend this work even further as the year progresses.

**The poem below reflects how we feel about our partnership with our wonderful parents:**

**The Sculptors**

***I dreamed I stood in a studio,  
And watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a child's mind,  
And they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher; the tools used,  
Were books and music and art.  
One, a parent with guiding hands,  
A gentle and loving heart.  
Day after day the teacher toiled,  
With a touch both deft and skilled.  
The parent laboured side by side,  
And all the values filled.  
And when at last their task was done,  
They looked at what they'd wrought.  
The beautiful shape of the precious child,  
Could neither be sold nor bought.  
And each agreed it would have failed,  
If one had worked alone.  
For behind the parent stood the school,  
And behind the teacher, home.***



I look forward to meeting you if you choose to apply for the post or visit the school, and look forward to working with you if you were successful in your application. Please feel very welcome to come and visit the school, meeting children and staff.

Yours faithfully

*M. Andrews*

Maureen Andrews

Executive Headteacher