

SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and families of pupils at Sithney School

As you know, I will be taking up the position of Executive Headteacher of Sithney and Trannack in January 2019.

I have been Headteacher at Trannack since January 2014, having worked at Trannack School for many years previous to that as Year 4/5/6 class teacher and also as Head of Teaching and Learning.

I am an advocate of small schools and understand how integral they are to rural communities and having worked in a small school for many years, can also appreciate the challenges they face.

I appreciate that Sithney and Garras have a close partnership and this will continue and develop as will the new partnership between Trannack and Sithney. Begin part of the Southerly Point Co-operative MAT has given all schools in the MAT a chance to work together and share good practise and expertise and this partnership between all the schools will continue to be vital.

I very much look forward to the benefits which Trannack and Sithney can bring to each school and will follow on with the great work done to date led by Lucy Wandless and Helen Neil. I have been fortunate to be part of the last School Improvement Visit and Maths Audit where I had an opportunity to visit each class and observe writing and maths across the school. The hard work from all the staff and pupils was very evident and there was a genuine buzz of learning and superb behaviour from every age group.

I was also delighted to attend the Christmas Performance last week at the Light and Life Centre. The children's performance was excellent and again the hard work and enjoyment from all the pupils was clear.

I have only had a chance to meet and talk with a few of you, and have been made to feel very welcome. I look forward to meeting all of you over the next term and getting to know the pupils in the New Year.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish Lucy Wandless all the best with her new school, Cury C of E Primary. I know she is sad to leave Sithney but there will be many opportunities in the future for us to work together and she will always be welcome at Sithney.

I hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Emma Stritt

