

10th December 2019

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of several staff changes that have recently taken place or will be happening in January 2020.

Mrs Stephanie Cooke will be leaving us on Wednesday 18th December and plans to spend more time with her family. We wish her every happiness in the future.

Mrs Claire Bull has decided that it is in the best interests of Year 6 children if she becomes the full-time class teacher for Sycamore. We are delighted by this and so, Mrs Bull will teach Year 6 children for the remainder of the academic year.

We have recently appointed Miss Hannah East to work, full-time, alongside Mrs Bull and Miss Banks in Year 6. Hannah is a very experienced Year 6 teacher and has already settled into her new role in school. She will be with us until the end of SATs, at the very least.

Mrs Elizabeth Cuthbert will be leaving us on Tuesday 17th December 2019 as she has secured a teaching position in a school which is closer to her home. We know that Mrs Cuthbert may miss us but definitely won't miss her daily commute!

Lizzie is being replaced by Mrs Sarah Blackwell, an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher who is relocating to the area. Sarah will share the class with Mrs Caroline Colledge, working Monday to Wednesday of each week.

Mrs Dee Paterson is leaving us to enter a new chapter in her life. Her final day will be on Friday 20th December 2019. We wish her all the very best in the exciting adventures ahead of her.

Dee is being replaced by Mrs Barbara Loughney, an extremely experienced Key Stage 2 teacher. Mrs Loughney will be teaching the Year 4 children for the remainder of the academic year.

Also in Year 4, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Becky Duncton's baby is due in late January and that we have managed to secure Mrs Rowena Barrett, an experienced primary school teacher, to cover Becky's maternity absence.

After a long period of illness, Miss Jess Simoes has decided not to return to the school. We are very grateful for the support and understanding that Year 1 parents have shown us during this period of absence. This development means that we are now able to recruit a

permanent replacement for Jess. We are about to interview for this position and have a range of very experienced Key Stage 1 teachers to choose from. Until Jess's replacement can begin work, we will be ensuring continuity and stability for the children by using staff that the children are familiar with. Mrs Elaine Wagg, our Deputy Head Teacher, will continue to support the Year 1 staff to achieve the best outcomes for all children in the year group.

We have recently been joined by Miss Victoria Chatwin, Miss Aimee Conopo and Ms Jana Lackova, who have all joined our team of fabulous support staff.

We are thrilled to tell you that we have secured some extra funding from the Local Authority, in order to expand our staff team. This funding comes along with recognition that we are setting a good example to other schools, through our good work in meeting the needs of all children in school. We are delighted by this recognition.

These are exciting times for the school and we are grateful for your continuing support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the start of 2020.

Kind regards,

Vicki M M Masters
Head Teacher