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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term which will no doubt go as quickly as the first half! I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine over the last week.

As we plan for the rest of the year, we are doing so under current restrictions. We have no indication yet that our guidance will change and therefore will plan events accordingly. We will of course do all we can to make the last term for our Year 6 children as special as we can.

I know many of you will be thinking ahead to our plans for September. Unfortunately, Mr Moore has decided to leave and will be finishing at the end of the summer term. We will be really sad to lose him but I am sure you will all join us in wishing him well for the future. In happier news, Miss Watson will be getting married over the summer so will be known as Mrs Gilbert in September. I am sure you can imagine the difficult time she and her fiancé have had organising a wedding in the current climate, so we wish them all the very best when the big day finally arrives!

With the smaller year groups at the lower end of the school, we have decided the best use of resources will be to have three classes in September. We have worked closely with Governors and Local Authority Advisors to make this decision. All were very supportive, particularly as this format provides stability and the ability to provide the support children need after the disruption the children have experienced during the pandemic.

The classes will work in the following format:

Mrs Gilbert - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Miss Alden - Year 3 and 4

Mrs Knee - Year 5 and 6

We are pleased to be able to maintain the same support staff, we are currently in the process of planning how they will be best used to support children across the 3 classes. Miss Alden will be teaching fulltime which means rather than having my own one day a week teaching commitment, I will be able to take focus groups as we feel appropriate. We are confident that the plans allow us some flexibility in the way we work to be able to provide the children and staff the support they need moving forward in the coming year. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to meeting parents of children coming into Reception on Wednesday evening and then the children for stay and play sessions on the 24th June and 13th July. We will also be welcoming some new children into Year 3 in September, we hope they will be able to join us for transition days before the end of term.

As always, once we receive updates in guidance that will lead to changes in the risk assessment we will inform you. We can only hope that by the time we return in September we will be able to return to some form of normality!

Yours sincerely,

Jennie Müller

Headteacher