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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a good half term break and are ready for the last few weeks of this academic year. In order to keep you fully informed, we are writing to share some updates regarding staffing that will be coming up for September 2026. Please note there are also some important dates at the end of the letter for things that are happening during this half term so you can plan your calendar and enjoy the exciting events too.

As you will be aware by now, Ms Deans will be retiring at the end of the summer term and we will miss her very much. She has been a huge support to our children and families over the years and we have all benefitted from her expertise in Reception and as part of her SENCO role. We are very happy that Mrs Argyle will be stepping into the role of SENCO for our school, particularly as she already knows our community so well.

Mrs Hedley has also decided that now is the right time to retire from teaching and will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to her for all her hard work and commitment to the children, always sharing her wonderful sense of calm and professionalism with our whole team.

Mrs Bachmann, our TA who works most closely with our EAL children and families, will be retiring as well. She will be returning for one week in September to help settle children into their new year groups and then will officially retire. She has helped so many of our families over the years and we know she will be greatly missed.

Mrs Gouldby, one of our ELSA team and TA in Year 1 and 2, has also made the decision to step into teaching and will be leaving us in September to start her new course. We will be very sad to see her go but know she will be fantastic in her new role and wish her well in her new adventures!

Mrs Painter, who has been a much-valued Nursery Assistant in the afternoons, will continue to work as class TA in Year 6 in the mornings and an ELSA but will now also take over from Cheryl Ryder as our Family Support Worker to coordinate Early Help meetings (soon to be known as Family Help) to support families in our school. She has been working closely with Cheryl over the last few months to take over the reins and is looking forward to supporting even more families in our community. Please do contact one of our staff if you would like to meet with Mrs Painter. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Cheryl for all her incredible support she has given to both staff and parents over the years.

As a result of the above changes, there will also be some changes in where staff will be next year. Mrs Hunt will also reduce her teaching commitment and will be with us for one day a week, covering PPA. Therefore, Mrs A Welson is excited to be moving back to Year 2 and will be sharing the class with a new teacher. Mrs Argyle will be focusing on her new SENCO role so we will be welcoming a new teacher into Reception to work alongside Mrs Mills. Mrs Guy will now be our full-time teacher for Year 4 and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Snow as maternity cover for Mrs Sargeant in Year 5. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Wood on becoming our new Nursery assistant for the afternoons.

We are also hoping to extend our Nursery offer to include after-school club and offer more flexible hours to working parents, details of which, we will share with you soon.

From September, we are pleased to be able to extend our Breakfast Club provision so it will start from 7.25am for paid places but also, we are going to offer a free Breakfast Club from 8.25am until 8.55am which any child from Reception to Year 6 is able to book and attend for free. More details of this to come soon, along with changes to our after-school sports club provision too.

We plan to have an induction morning on Thursday 2nd July to help the children become familiar with both their new classrooms and staff. Year 6 will spend the day at their new high school and our new Reception children will have a chance to come and have a 'stay and play' session in their new classroom too.

Classes for September will be as follows:

<u>Nursery</u>	Mrs Palfreman with Mrs Millichamp (am) and Mrs Wood (pm)
<u>Reception</u>	Mrs Mills (Mon/Tues/Wed) and a new teacher (Thurs/Fri) with Mrs Croose
<u>Year 1</u>	Mrs Roberts-Powell with Mrs Brookes
<u>Year 2</u>	Mrs A. Welson (Wed/Thurs/Fri) and a new teacher (Mon/Tues)
<u>Year 3</u>	Miss Tindale with Mrs Darch
<u>Year 4</u>	Mrs Guy with Miss Griffiths
<u>Year 5</u>	Mrs Snow (maternity cover for Mrs Sargeant) and Mrs S. Welson
<u>Year 6</u>	Mr Ward-Willis and Mrs Painter

Our fantastic team of support staff will continue to support classes throughout the school.

Important dates for this half term:

Enrichment morning – Tuesday 16th June

Sports Day – ****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**** – Thursday 25th June – from 9.30am for Reception, KS1 and KS2 on the LHS field (weather permitting – reserve date is Monday 29th June)

Summer Fayre – Friday 26th June 3.45 – 5pm

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 30th June 3.45 to 7.00pm and Thursday 2nd July 3.45 to 5.30pm

Transition/Induction Day – Thursday 2nd July – all year groups

KS2 show at LHS - Friday 10th July 2.15pm (we will return to school for 4pm) and 6pm

(Please ensure your child can attend both shows as they work so hard as part of the team to contribute to the whole performance)

Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents – Monday 13th July 2.30pm followed by refreshments served by our Year 6

Year 6 Leavers Party – Monday 13th July 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Water fight and tea

We look forward to another successful and happy year and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. Bretherton and Mrs A. Welson

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher