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RE: Classes, transition and staffing for next year

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are enjoying the wonderful sunshine. Long may it last!

We are now in a position to be able to communicate arrangements for the next academic year. This letter will explain:

[1] Staffing changes for the next academic year

[2] Transition arrangements

[3] Class information

Staffing Changes

The wonderful Miss Brown is leaving us at the end of this term. She is moving to Hertfordshire as she has bought a house with her partner. It goes without saying that Miss Brown has had a monumentally positive impact on all at Thakeham Primary School. She is an excellent teacher and the children adore her. She will be missed!

Miss Ansell will also be leaving us as she was employed temporarily in order to fill the short-term gap left by Mrs Macready moving on. Miss Ansell has been inspirational in Oak Class! The children are loving their time with her. We wish her the very best.

Mrs Jouanides is also leaving us at the end of the term to begin her teacher training. She will be back with us from February 2024 through to the summer as we have accepted her as a Trainee Teacher! We are thrilled for her and know she will be an outstanding Class Teacher.

Keeping in mind the fact that Mrs Macready left us in Spring, I can announce that we have successfully employed two new teachers ready for September: Miss West and Mr Daplyn. They are both experienced teachers and we are really looking forward to welcoming them into the Thakeham Family. Details of which classes they will be leading are below.

Transition Arrangements

Many activities and support sessions have already begun for many pupils because it is really important we take transition seriously. We will be having our transition afternoons for all classes the





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week commencing 3rd July. We will be inviting in our new teachers to join us so that pupils can meet them. A separate letter will go home about this in due course.

Classes for Next Year

We will be changing the class names in September! So, the next 6 weeks will be the last time you hear the names Acorn, Oak, Maple and Elder. We will let you know the new names shortly.

With that in mind, and to avoid confusion, I refer to the classes for next year by the 'year' rather than name.

| Year Groups | Class Teacher | Teaching Assistants |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| EYFS | Monday to Wednesday: Mrs Stender Thursday and Friday: Mrs Usherwood | Mrs Devereux |
| 1 and 2 | Miss West | Mrs Younger Mrs Stickings |
| 3 and 4 | Mr Daplyn | Miss Merritt |
| 5 and 6 | Mrs Hopkins | Mrs Bowbrick Mrs Elvery |

Mrs Stender and I will remain as Co-SENCOs. Mrs Bowbrick will be the Deputy SENCO. Mrs Hopkins remains as Deputy Headteacher.

We are looking forward to the next academic year! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help.

Kind regards,

Will McDonald
 Headteacher

