

Wednesday 28th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Staffing structure for 2017 – 2018

It is with sadness, that I inform you that Mrs Fallows will not be returning to us in the new academic year. Following her leave of absence this year, Mrs Fallows has made the decision to move on to new and exciting ventures and we whole-heartedly wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Fallows has worked at the school for a significant amount of time and I have no doubt she will be missed by us all.

It therefore leads me to some very exciting news as we move into the new academic year. I am very proud to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Laura Niemczyk as our new Vice Principal and Mr Iain MacDonald as our new Assistant Principal. These are excellent appointments and will ensure a relentless drive for improvement and continuity of standards and expectations for our fabulous children. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating both members of staff.

Now that these appointments have been made, I can inform you of the class staffing for next year.

Nursery: Mrs C Norcup supported by Mrs L Machin and Miss I Dutton

Reception: Mr C Fennelly supported by Mrs J Bailey and Miss K Pond

Year 1: Miss H Phillips supported by Miss A Mayer

Year 2: Mrs L Niemczyk supported by Mrs D Hall and Miss S Gaynor

Year 3: Mrs J Carter supported by Mrs J Staples

Year 4: Mr N Smith supported by Mrs H Coffey and Mrs G Kiely

Year 5: Mr M Bunting supported by Mrs L Minshall

Year 6: Mr I MacDonald supported by Mrs A Cartlidge

You will have seen in the news that funding (in real terms) is greatly reduced and has had a huge impact on what schools can afford and the negative impact this is having on many. For this very reason we can no longer finance an additional teacher to split the final classes. We do however remain relentlessly determined to provide the children with the very best opportunities in their learning. We will focus on our teachers' areas of expertise and strengths. Therefore, all year 5 and 6 children will have maths with Mr MacDonald and English with Mr Bunting. This will be a similar situation in year 3 and 4 with children undertaking their maths learning with Mr Smith and their English learning with Mrs Carter.

We have a very exciting year ahead of us and with our fabulous children, the staff team in place and parental engagement, I have no doubts whatsoever that the school will go from strength to strength.

As always, should you have any questions relating to the information in the letter, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can arrange to meet and discuss this.

Thank you so much for your continued support and positive and valuable contribution to our academy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Caisley', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs B Caisley
Principal