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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing: Farewells, Welcomes and Plans for 2019/20 Academic Year

Farewell to Mrs Wright

This time of the school year is often tinged with sadness when we write to tell you that staff members are moving on to pastures new and we must begin by informing you that Mrs Prathayini Wright will be leaving our school at the end of this summer term. Mrs Wright has been appointed to the position of Principal at Brookfield Primary Academy, part of the LEO Academy Trust of schools based in Surrey, with effect from September 2019.

Mrs Wright joined Woodborough School as our Deputy Headteacher in September 2007. After a short time teaching in Year 6, she moved and became well-established in Oak Class, where upwards of 250 Reception Class pupils have benefitted from her Early Years care, attention and introduction to their school lives. Oak Class is where the 'Woodborough Magic' begins and where Mrs Wright, her team of support staff and willing volunteers take our youngest recruits and help shape them into confident and capable young pupils, ready to move on into Year 1. The association doesn't end there – our pupils all recall their experiences as 'Oaklings' fondly and many visit years afterwards and share their early memories of their time in Oak Class with Mrs Wright.

We are of course delighted that Mrs Wright has been promoted and wish her every success and happiness in her new role. Clearly, Brookfield Primary Academy's gain is our loss and Mrs Wright will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, governors and parents and wider friends of our school alike.

Welcome to Mrs Parry

Following the news of Mrs Wright's promotion, the Governing Body ran a very successful recruitment process and we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Bethan Parry will join Oak Class, as our Early Years Foundation Stage Leader, from September 2019.

Mrs Parry brings a wealth of both Early Years and phonics teaching experience and is also a Specialist Leader of Education – a nationally recognised qualification for an outstanding middle leader with a particular area of expertise (Early Years teaching) and set of skills to develop the leadership capacity of colleagues in similar positions in other schools. We are thrilled that she will be bringing her experience and talents to Woodborough School to further enhance both our Early Years learning and our skilled staff team.

Like our own Mrs Wright, Mrs Parry is currently juggling her end of term commitments to her pupils in her current school, but we are working hard to put some dates into the diary where she will be able to become acquainted with our existing pupils and families and of course, have some opportunities to meet pupils and families of our new Oak Class intake for September 2019. We will be in touch very soon with more details of those opportunities, dates and times.



Welcome Mrs Baker

A few weeks ago we shared the exciting news that Mrs Wren is expecting a baby in the autumn term and we promised to keep you informed of our plans for the maternity cover for her class. We are pleased to let you know that our Governing Body have appointed Mrs Amanda Baker to cover Mrs Wren's class during the autumn and spring terms of the 2019/20 academic year. Mrs Baker is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher and brings particular expertise in English, maths and history. We are planning opportunities for pupils and parents to meet her before the new term and she will be here for 'Moving-On Morning' and 'Meet the Teacher' on 15th July.

Welcome Mrs Butler

We would also like to inform you that Mrs Kate Butler will be covering classes across our school during teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time from September 2019 onwards. In this role, Mrs Butler will replace Mrs Needham who will be resuming a full-time class teaching commitment in the new term, following the announcement of Mrs Chapman's retirement at the end of this term.

Staffing Plan for Academic Year 2019/20

Now that announcements and appointments have been made, we are pleased to share with you our staffing plan for the next academic year:

Year Group	Class Name	Class Teacher	Support Staff (am)	Support Staff (pm)
Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception)	Oak Class	Mrs Parry	Mrs McCormick	Mrs Bishop
Year 1	Sycamore Class	Mrs Needham	Mrs Partis & Miss Marshall	Mrs McCormick
Year 2	Maple Class	Mrs Johanson	Mrs Burley	
Year 3	Cherry Class	Mrs Barratt (Mon – Weds) & Mrs Crichard (Thurs – Fri)	Mrs Barker & Mrs Davies	Mrs Taylor
Year 4	Elm Class	Mrs Baker (Maternity Cover for Mrs Wren – Autumn & Spring Terms)	Mrs Moore-Bethel	
Year 5	Lime Class	Miss Papworth-Smith	Mrs Ellis	
Year 6	Willow Class	Mrs Ashby	Mrs Taylor	

All pupils will have lots of opportunities to meet their new class teachers and of course they will spend time together on 'Moving-On Morning' – 15th July. All parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' at the end of school on 15th July, when news of next year's topics, expectations, etc. will be shared and there will be other informal opportunities in and around school before the end of term. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions about the contents of this letter or our staffing plan for next year, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Brewis, Headteacher



Dr Timothy Atkins, Chair of Local Governing Body