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Staffing Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the staffing structure for the next academic year; there are, as always, a few changes. Senior leaders look carefully at the needs of the children and the staff across the school when considering deployment and endeavour to maintain stability while also bringing new thinking to each team.

Firstly, we will be saying a farewell to some of our teachers. Miss Lily Cox who has been teaching in Owls Class covering Mrs. Rachel West's maternity will sadly leave us at the end of the summer term. Mrs. Cat Mullick who has worked in Cabot Class and the wider year 5&6 team this year, will also be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs. Suzie Carr who has worked in EYFS before moving to Year 1 more recently, will be taking time to focus on developing her expertise in supporting children's wellbeing. Finally, Miss Katie Boyce will be leaving us and is moving to work in an international school in Taiwan. All these teachers have made a hugely valuable contribution to our school and we wish them all every success for the future. We must also congratulate Miss Boyce who got married last weekend – it certainly is an exciting year of change for her and her husband!

Next year sees some new staff joining us also. Dr. Anna Blackburn joins the Year 3&4 team having worked in another Bristol school previously and Ms. Judith Holt joins us as class teacher for 2 days in Hawks Class. Ms. Holt will be covering the maternity leave of Mrs. Chloe Britton and will be working with Mrs. Rachel West who returns from her maternity leave in September. Also returning from maternity, we welcome back Mrs. Charlotte Barnard who will be resuming her role in Year 3&4 for 2 days working with Miss Sarah-Jo Scarborough.

Another welcome addition to the St. John's team is Mr. Tim Ravenscroft who will be joining in a new post of PE, Sports and Health Leader. At St. John's recognise the importance of sport and physical exercise and the contribution it can make to not only children's physical health but also their mental health and attainment. The creation of this new, full-time post is an investment in ensuring quality, consistent PE teaching, but also an opportunity to really expand the opportunities for our children including during and beyond the school day. Mr. Ravenscroft currently works as a sport coach for Bristol Sport, but from September, will be key to realizing our ambitions to really develop the PE, sport and health agenda at St. John's.

For clarity, I have summarised the staffing for September below:

Staffing Plan for September 2021

Early Years Foundation Stage

Cygnets	Miss Walker	EYFS
Ducklings	Miss Hodder – 2 days	EYFS
	Mrs. Hood* - 3 days	
Goslings	Mrs. Dungey	EYFS

Year 1&2

Falcons	Miss Sellers*	Year 1&2
Hawks	Mrs. West	Year 1
	Ms. Holt – 2 days	
Kestrels	Mrs. Bampfylde	Year 1
Owls	Miss Thorowgood	Year 2
Harriers	Miss Dixey	Year 2

Year 3&4

Balloons	Miss Ricketts*	Year 3&4
Kites	Mr. Amarshi	Year 3&4
Dragon Boats	Dr. Blackburn	Year 3&4
Harbour	Mrs. Barnard - 2 days	Year 3&4
	Miss Scarborough – 3 days	
Carnival	Miss Pearson	Year 3&4

Year 5&6

Cabot	Miss Potter* – 4 days	Year 5&6
	Mrs. Lancaster – 1 day	
Muller	Mr. Allcock	Year 5&6
Brunel	Miss Miller – 3 days	Year 5&6
	Mrs. Lake – 2 days	
Guppy	Mrs. Swithinbank – 4 days	Year 5&6
	Mrs. Lancaster – 1 day	
Campbell	Mr. Hughes	Year 5&6

*denotes Year Group Leader

Next steps

We will inform you of which class your child is in on June 28th with the release of the annual report. As you know, we are working hard on transition arrangements but some of these are dependent on any changes to the government guidance. Our initial step will be on the first Tuesday of term 6 when each year group will spend some of the morning visiting their new classroom(s). Year 5 and 6 are both out of school that day, so we are making the most of the opportunity, particularly for children in Year 2 who will visit WR. There will not be any changes to arrangements for parents, it is just the first step in familiarizing all children with the area they will be learning in next year and doing so with their know trusted adult.

Staffing always requires careful consideration and we always work in the best interests of the children. If you have any questions then please do get in touch with us through your child's Year Group Leader or via the school office.

Kind regards

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Headteacher