

20th May 2022

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 teams.

Firstly, we will be saying a farewell to some of our staff. Miss Jude Holt who has been teaching in Hawks Class covering Mrs. Chloe Britton's maternity, as well as teaching French at WR, will sadly leave us at the end of this term. Mrs. Judith Lancaster who has worked in various roles over the 18+ years that she has worked at St. John's, most recently in the Year 5&6 team, will be leaving at the end of the summer. Also at this time we will be saying goodbye to another longstanding member of staff, Mrs. Clare Ellis, who has worked as an LSA in Year 1&2. All these members of staff have made a hugely valuable contribution to our school and we wish them all every success for the future.

Next year we will be welcoming a new French teacher, Ms. Pippa Allenby, who will also be working in the Year 5&6 team, including teaching Guppy Class on a Monday. Miss Dixey will be moving to the Year 3&4 team and Miss Pearson will be moving to the Year 1&2 team. You may also notice that due to a change in personal circumstances, Mrs. Bampfyld is changing her name to Miss Morgan. There are a few details to work out before the new academic year but those are the main changes.

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

Staffing Plan for September 2022

Early Years Foundation Stage

Cygnets	Mrs. Berry*	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
	Mrs. Britton - 2 days	
Kestrels	Miss Morgan	Year 1
Owls	Miss Thorowgood	Year 2
Harriers	Miss Pearson	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 Miss Scarborough - 3 days	Year 3&4
Carnival	Miss Dixey	Year 3&4

Year 5&6

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

*denotes Year Group Leader

Next steps

We will inform you of which class your child is in on July 4th with the release of the annual report. We are very aware of the importance of ensuring a smooth transition for all children to their new class and teacher; particularly for those moving up to WR. We are already planning a range of activities, starting with future teachers visiting the children in their current class, so that any changes are as smooth as possible. We will write to you again closer to the time about information you need to know as parents/carers and also how you can use the resources we will provide to help your child.

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