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7th July, 2020

Dear Parents,

I write with information regarding class allocations for next year.

As children in Years 4 and 5 now know, unfortunately Mr Renzi and Miss Kassim-Lowe will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Renzi will be taking up a new post in a school in Central Beds, and Miss Kassim-Lowe will be relocating to Nottingham with her partner. Mrs Pickering and Mrs Mores will also be leaving us at the end of term. We are tremendously grateful for the contributions all our departing staff have made during their time here and wish each of them every success and happiness in their new ventures. One of the real disappointments about this current situation is that we are unable to come together and collectively celebrate their time with us and say our thankyou and goodbyes.

Recruitment in schools has been challenging in the past few years, and this year has proved to be even more challenging because of the wider situation. However, I am pleased we have been able to make two successful appointments to our vacant teaching posts; we have an advert out at the moment for our vacant LSA position and hope to complete the appointment process by September. We have appointed Mr Joe Munday on a full time basis, and Mrs Karen Corby who will job share with Miss Williams. In making these appointments, we are confident that we have two strong, committed and dedicated teachers joining us in September.

Next year, classes will be arranged as follows:

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| Robins | Reception | Mrs Doughty |
| Whinchats | Year 1 | Mrs Lawless |
| Canaries | Year 2 | Miss Pillai |
| Green Jays | Year 3 | Mrs Hawkins |
| Kingfishers | Year 4 | Mrs Corby & Miss Williams |
| Peacocks | Year 5 | Mr Munday |
| Sabrewings | Year 6 | Mr Leach |

Confirmation of placements for our support staff will be made once we have completed our current recruitment process.



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Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold our usual 'moving up morning', where children are able to spend time with their new teacher. However, children in Years 4 and 5 will be able to meet Mrs Corby and Mr Munday as we have been able to agree times for them both to be in school and spend time in class. Mr Munday will be in school every day until the end of term and will spend time with his new class when they come into school for their planned sessions.

For (current) Year 3, Mrs Corby can only be released from her current school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, so for the last week of term, we are planning to change the Y3 visit sessions from the afternoons to the mornings; **this means that Year 3 children should come to school for 9.15am on either Tuesday or Wednesday morning, finishing at 11.15.** I realise this is a change to our original plans, but we feel it important that the children are able to meet their new teacher – thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this change.

I am working with staff and governors to start the planning process for September and will write as soon as I am able with details. We do plan, however, to follow our already agreed term dates, meaning that children will return to school on Monday, 7th September. I am also working with Dawn Until Dusk to see if we can work out a safe way of re-starting wraparound care from September. There is still a lot of work to be done to get ready for September, but I am hopeful that we can manage a safe and sensible return to school in the Autumn term for everyone.

Very best wishes,

Maria Soulsby
Head Teacher

'It takes a village to raise a child.'

