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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year our thoughts have been turning to transition for our children. Therefore, we wanted to share details of the teaching staff for the 26/27 academic year as early as possible so that our transition programme can begin after the half term holiday.

KEY STAGE	CHILD'S CURRENT CLASS	CHILD'S NEW CLASS	TEACHER(S)	TEACHING ASSISTANT(S)
EARLY YEARS (EYFS)	-	Nursery	Ms B. Hall	Ms S. Grice
	-	RA	Ms J. Horsley	Ms D. Henden Ms E. Galloway Ms K. Isaac Ms A. Snow
	-	RB	Ms C. Lucas & Ms M. Bishop	
	-	RC	Mr R. Day	
KEY STAGE 1 (KS1)	YR MIXED	1A	Ms C. Edis	Ms C. Bowdler Ms J. Bownes Ms C. Dorham Ms H. Bartlam Ms T. Williamson
	YR MIXED	1B	Ms A. Jones	
	YR MIXED	1C	Ms K. Law	
	1A	2A	Ms R. Kaur	Ms H. Hemming Ms L. Higgins Ms J. Sutton Ms K. Bainbridge Ms M. Kaler
	1B	2B	Ms L. Parker & Ms S. Hughes	
	1C	2C	Ms R. Byron*	
LOWER KEY STAGE 2 (LKS2)	2A	3A	Mr M. Whittington	Ms L. Hayes Ms K. Evans Ms S. Taylor
	2B	3B	Ms D. Day	
	2C	3C	Ms J. Thompson	
	3A	4A	Mr J. Latham	Ms J. Lowe Mr S. Lockley Ms D. Parmar
	3B	4B	Ms D. Beardsmore	
	3C	4C	Ms L. Capewell	
UPPER KEY STAGE 2 (UKS2)	Y4 MIXED	5A	Ms C. Clarke	Ms K. Neville Ms S. Hussain Ms S. Williamson-Nisbett
	Y4 MIXED	5B	Ms S. Azam	
	Y4 MIXED	5C	Ms C. McIntyre	
	5A	6A	Ms L. Clarke	Mrs K. Neville Ms R. Turton Ms K. Lappage
	5B	6B	Ms A. Johal	
	5C	6C	Ms S. McKnight & Ms M. Ditchfield	

*Ms Byron is covering maternity leave for Ms Lawton. Ms Lawton is expected to return in the summer term next year.

NB: We do not mix all classes automatically. However, we sometimes mix classes where we have had significant changes in a year group, e.g. changes to the number of children with SEND, changes to the classes due to mobility (children leaving and starting) or where abilities have become unbalanced. Where this has been done, teachers have worked carefully to ensure children are organised with some of their friends as well as ensuring a good balance of boys/girls/ability etc.

There are a number of other staff who will be teaching your children at various times during the week so that we can enrich our curriculum, offer intervention groups and ensure release time (PPA) for teachers to carry out planning, preparation and assessment tasks. These staff include:

NAME	ROLE	TEACHING INCLUDES
Ms R. Sherwood	Deputy Head Teacher	Booster Groups & PPA cover
Ms T. Mclean	Assistant Head Teacher	Booster Groups & PPA cover
Ms S. Fry	Assistant Head Teacher	Booster Groups & PPA cover
Ms S. Roberts	Safeguarding & Pastoral Leader	PPA cover
Ms A. Walker-Laver	Inclusion Leader	PPA cover
Ms C. Ashfield	MFL (Spanish) Teacher	PPA cover
Ms J. Melia	Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)	PPA cover
Ms J. Wilkes	Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)	PPA cover

We are delighted to be welcoming Ms C. McIntyre to our teaching team and Ms H Bartlam and Ms T. Williamson join our teaching support team next year. We know they will do a fantastic job at Yew Tree.

Sadly, we say goodbye to two valued colleagues at the end of this year. Ms Feist has decided now is the time to explore other opportunities beyond teaching and Ms Hawthorne is going to be taking life at a slower pace now that her husband is retiring. We are grateful for the support they have provided for our children and we wish them lots of luck for the future.

You may have noticed a couple of unfamiliar names in the staff list. This is because we have a couple of staff getting married in the summer; Ms D. Parker (Y3 class teacher) will be known as Ms Day and Ms S. Williamson (TA) will be known as Ms Williamson-Nisbett from September.

You will see that our team of teaching assistants are not assigned to particular classes (only organised into year groups). This is because their timetables are reviewed at least every half term and they are deployed to meet the needs of children. This means that they may work in classes offering general support but may also deliver intervention programmes across the school. Any specific questions regarding additional support for children can be raised with the Inclusion Leader.

Over the next half term, your child's new class teacher will be reaching out to you all on Class Dojo (via videos and messages). They will also be talking to your child's current teacher over the coming weeks so they know how best to support your child as they move to a new year group.

Staff will be posting welcome videos on Dojo towards the end of June so you recognise faces of class teachers. We are also planning a 'Shuffle Up' day on **Monday 6th July**. This will be an opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher(s) and talk about next year.

You will also have the opportunity to say hello to staff after school on that day. In addition, an end of year report will also be sent out prior to that and your child's current teacher will be happy to answer questions in person on 6th July between 3.30pm – 4.15pm on the main playground.