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Dear Parents and Carers

Teaching Staff for 2017-18

It's that time of year when we look ahead to the new academic year. On Tuesday 27th June, all children will move up to their new classes for the day as the Year 6 children head to The Weald for their transition day.

We are saying farewell to some members of the team this summer. Mrs Leddra and Mrs Mason are both currently on maternity leave and so will not be here in September. Mrs Hunter is also leaving us to take up a post at a school near Liphook. We wish her every happiness in her new post and our thanks go to her for all her hard work in Year 1. Mrs Rust, currently teaching in KS2 covering PPA is leaving us after many years at the school. We wish her every happiness in her new endeavours.

We therefore have some new members joining our team in September. Mr Ieuan Griffiths will be joining us In Year 6. Mr Griffiths is moving to West Sussex from London and is a very experienced teacher. He is also a keen sportsman and Welsh speaker – and a supporter of Welsh rugby! I know that he will be a great addition to the Year 6 team. Mrs Emma McGrath is joining our Year 5 team. Mrs McGrath is a very experience teacher with a passion for the arts and English in particular. I know that she is very excited to be joining the team and we are really pleased too. Mrs Brigette Tonkinson is joining Year 2 in September. Mrs Tonkinson has a background in the arts and was a professional singer so she is keen to share her love of this with the children. Mr Daniel Bayford is joining Year 1 and also has a performing arts background and is full of enthusiasm to get started, as are all of our new teachers. We are also thrilled to have appointed Clare Roberts as Inclusion and Intervention teacher and she will be supporting children from Y1 – Y4. Clare has an extensive background in teaching and particularly in Special Educational Needs. We also have two teachers well known to us joining Year 1 in September taking Germany class. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Schruyers will be sharing this class and they are already liaising together and with Year 1 to ensure the smoothest of transitions.

All the new teachers will be joining their classes on Tuesday, except for Mrs McGrath who is unable to be released from her current school on that day but she will be coming to meet the class for a day very soon. Mrs Rust will take the class on Tuesday.

The important bit you will want to know is who will be teaching your child next year! See below:

Reception	Miss Andrews (YL)	Miss Jones	Miss Milton
2016-17 class		2017-18 class	Classroom
Wales		Mr Bayford	France
Scotland		Mrs Wallace/Mrs Schruyers	Germany
Ireland		Mrs Footer	Holland
Germany		Mrs Greenman-Sparrow	Greece
Holland		Mrs Doran	Italy
France		Mrs Tonkinson	Spain



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Greece	Mrs Edwards/Mrs Hunt	Egypt
Spain	Miss Pickett	Madagascar
Italy	Mrs Hutchings/Mrs Langley	Morocco
Egypt	Mrs Hatrick	Brazil
Madagascar	Mrs Mujik	Chile
Morocco	Mrs Gregory	Argentina
Chile	Mr Buckler	Cambodia
Brazil	Mrs McGrath	Nepal
Argentina	Mr Collinson	Maldives
Nepal	Mrs Wilson	Japan
Maldives	Mr Griffiths	Russia
Cambodia	Mr Gittins	China

Year leaders in **bold**

Your child will be meeting their new teacher next Tuesday. In the morning the children will go to their class as normal. They will then meet in the hall and be introduced to their new teacher before going off to spend the day with them in their new classroom. At the end of the day, children in KS2 will be led out to meet their parents by their new teacher as normal and KS1 children will be collected from their new classroom: current Year 2 children will need to be collected from the **KS2 playground**. There will be people around to help if you are not sure where the classroom is – just ask!

We have further opportunities for you to meet the new year teams and your child's new class teacher. The transition presentations will introduce you to the **new year group** and some of the things already planned. Remember to select the correct one for your child's next year group. We will make the presentations available for parents who are unable to attend. Choose the meeting for the year group your child will be in next September;

Wednesday 5th July 2.30-3.00pm Transition presentation to parents for **Y4, 5 and 6**

Thursday 6th July 2.30-3.00pm Transition presentation for parents for **Y1, 2 and 3**

Open afternoons will allow you the chance to come and see your child's work from this year in an informal manner – no appointments necessary! Also please choose the Open Afternoon that is most convenient for you.

Wednesday 19th July 3.15-4.15pm Open afternoon

Thursday 20th July 3.15-4.15pm Open afternoon

Yours sincerely

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