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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to the start of the final half term for 2015/16.

First of all, a reminder to keep looking out for diary dates. We have Sports day, reports, Summer Fair and Y6 Leavers' assembly, amongst other things, to look forward to in the next few weeks.

Please don't forget that school is closed for the referendum on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June as we are being used as a polling station.

For this week I will focus on our staffing and class arrangements for next year and there are some important changes.

The class and staff organisation for September this year is as follows, barring any unforeseen circumstances or matters beyond our control-

**Early Years team:**

Miss Scott- Nursery Lead

Miss Spurr, Mrs. Lynch (2 days per week), Mrs. Bailey and a 3 day post to be appointed.

Mrs. Umpleby- Reception Lead (4 days per week) and Mrs. Stubbs (1 day per week)

**Key Stage 1:**

Mrs. Cliff- Y1

Miss Adlington- Y2

Miss Ball- Y2, Assistant Headteacher and overall responsibility for EYFS/KS1

Mrs. Thackwray and Mrs. Edmunds

**Key Stage 2:**

Mr. Pratt: Y3/4

Mr. Harrison: Y4/5 (Mon-Wed.)

Miss Magee: Y4/5 (Wed-Fri.)

Miss Barker: Y6

Miss Kilpatrick, Mrs. Purchase and Miss Brett

You will notice a number of things here. First of all we are pleased to say that Mrs. Cliff is due to return to work at the beginning of July when she will take the time to prepare herself for September. Miss Mackenzie will of course continue with her class now until the end of the year.

Second, we have been able to maintain single year group classes in Key Stage 1 in spite of significant financial pressures so class sizes will remain comparatively small.

In Key Stage 2 we will continue with the mixed class arrangement for Y3/4/5 but we have been able to retain Y6 as a single class group. Looking ahead this will allow us to return to 4 classes the following year, thus reducing the class size a little, although it is likely that Y3/4/5 will still have to be mixed in some way.

This is the plan and we hope to be able to stick with it however if there are changes then we will of course inform you at the earliest opportunity.

If anyone has any questions about any of this then please address them to Miss Ball for EYFS/KS1 or Mr. Harrison for KS2 in the first instance. You can of course contact me directly if you feel that is necessary.

Finally a reminder to parents to park sensibly when dropping off or picking up children. I know it is becoming increasingly busy and difficult however this is a fact of life in modern times- the school was not located with cars in mind when it was built 120 years ago! Particularly, could parents not obstruct the pavements by parking fully on them thus forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. You need to leave a gap large enough for those with pushchairs to pass safely please.

We wish you all an enjoyable Euro weekend if you are a football fan!

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson