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## **Staffing Update & Transition Arrangements**

As we approach the end of the summer term, we would like to provide families with a staffing update. Four members of staff will be moving on to further endeavors in September, they are:

### ***Mrs Michelle Clark:***

Following two successful years with the school, Mrs Clark will be leaving us at the end of the term to spend more time with her family. We are grateful for the impact she has had on the children and families she has supported and worked with during her time with us.

***Miss Zoe Leighton:*** Following starting her career as a PPA teacher, Miss Leighton has secured a classroom teacher position and is relocating to another part of the country. She has worked with almost all of the classes during her time with us, however we know how much she is looking forward to having her very own class next year.

***Mrs Jo Thomas:*** Mrs Thomas has worked as a teacher here at Leckhampton for over twenty years and been an integral part of our school family. She has given so much to Leckhampton in a number of ways, including her commitment to music and the School choirs over so many years.

***Mrs Jan Kelly:*** Mrs Kelly has worked with us for several years as a class teacher and PPA teacher. She has taught many of our pupils and also been the devoted head of Kestrel House. Mrs Kelly has made the decision to retire from teaching after many years of service.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank these members of staff for their hard work and commitment to our school family. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team who provide our children with the love and support they need to thrive here at school. We wish all those moving on, happiness and success in their next adventures.*

We are also very pleased to be welcoming some new members of staff to our school family:

***Miss Xanthe Dobbs*** – Year 1 Class Teacher

***Miss Emily Francis*** – Year 4 Class Teacher

***Miss Emily Knight*** – Year 2 Class Teacher

***Mrs Ruth Skerry*** – Reception Class Teacher (Maternity Cover)

***Mr Matthew Smart*** – Year 3 Class Teacher

## Transition Arrangements

As our Year 6 pupils prepare for the next stage in their education, we would like to share with parents the arrangements for the other children's transition to their next classes:

<u>Current class</u>	<u>New Class</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
	YR Ash	Mrs Ruth Skerry
	YR Elm	Miss Lucy Yates
	YR Oak	Mrs Leigharna Hession
YR Ash	Y1 Hazel	Miss Xanthe Dobbs
YR Elm	Y1 Larch	Miss Emma Manning
YR Oak	Y1 Birch	Miss Heather Whitfield
Y1 Birch	Y2 Sycamore	Miss Leah Thomas
Y1 Hazel	Y2 Holly	Miss Emily Knight
Y1 Larch	Y2 Lime	Miss Lottie Wight
Y2 Holly	Y3 Chestnut	Mr Adam Slade
Y2 Lime	Y3 Poplar	Miss Emily Francis
Y2 Sycamore	Y3 Cherry	Mr Andrew Liddell
Y3 Cherry	Y4 Hawthorn	Mr Matthew Smart
Y3 Chestnut	Y4 Hornbeam	Mr Tommy Robinson
Y3 Poplar	Y4 Aspen	Mr Liam Duffy
Y4 Aspen	Y5 Alder	Miss Georgia Simcock
Y4 Hawthorn	Y5 Rowan	Miss Charlotte West
Y4 Hornbeam	Y5 Pine	Miss Lottie Taylor
Y5 Alder	Y6 Maple	Miss Alesia Sullivan
Y5 Pine	Y6 Juniper	Miss Georgia Flook
Y5 Rowan	Y6 Willow	Mr Owen Knight

## **Cover Teachers**

All teachers are entitled to planning, preparation and assessment time, known as PPA time. In addition to this, some teachers are Early Career Teachers and are entitled to release time for their professional development, known as ECT time. Our Middle leaders have some time each week out of their class leading and monitoring the quality of education across their phase, known as Dedicated Leadership time.

We are very fortunate to have a skilled team of cover teachers in school who provide class cover for teachers while they undertake these additional responsibilities. Our cover teachers for September are:

***Mrs Jenny Evans***

***Mrs Lucy Chapman***

***Mr Richard Simpson***

***Mrs Charlie Hatton***

***Mrs Jane Manning***

***Miss Jane Gill***

***Mrs Hannah Bennett***

***Mrs Inga Connolley***

***Miss Lottie Wilding***

***Mrs Sarah Head***

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – New Intake Days for children starting Reception in September.** On these days, the current Reception children will spend two full days in Year 1 to get to know the classrooms and routines. The current Year 1 children will be learning in the Year 6 classrooms

as these rooms will be available due to the Year 6 children being on their residential trip. Pupils should all arrive at school through the normal doors to be registered before moving to the alternative classrooms. Pick-up arrangements will remain the same as usual.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – This will be our **Transition Morning** when every child will move up to meet their new teacher. They will spend a few hours together getting to know each other and finding out about the plans for the new term.

**Informal Open Evening** – On 11<sup>th</sup> July, we will open the school for an informal Open Evening for current parents to pop in and meet children's new teachers, as well as saying a farewell to current teachers. The event will run from 4.15pm to 5.00pm.

### **Children's Watches**

We have noticed a few pupils are wearing watches to school recently that have functions beyond providing the time. Some watches have games and sound effects on them; please may we remind all families that these watches should not be brought into school or worn by children during the school day.

### **Sun Safety**

In anticipation of warmer weather, please could we ask that families follow the guidance below:

- Sun cream should be applied to children before school on hot days (sun cream sent in clearly named to be re-applied by children).
- Children bring in a named sun hat to wear when outside.
- Children bring in a named water bottle, refilled each day at home.

On particularly hot days, we will ensure that children have access to shaded areas and are encouraged to keep hydrated.

### **Reception to Year 1 Meeting**

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Hession and Miss Thomas led a meeting for the parents of the current Reception pupils about their transition to Year 1. All Reception parents will receive the presentation slides today via e-mail for their reference.

### **FOLPS News**

Please find attached an update from FOLPS.

### **Upcoming dates**

- *New Intake Days for Reception Starters 2024 - **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June***
- *Hazel Class Worship - **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June***
- *Birch Class Worship - **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July***
- *General Election Polling Day – **Hall school out of use – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July***
- *Transition Morning - **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July***
- *Informal Open Evening for our families to meet children's next teacher - **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 4.15pm to 5.00pm***