



Information for the New School Year – 2018-19

Dear Parents and Carers

There will be a few changes and developments from September which we would like to update you on:

Teaching and Class Structure

- Mr Wills is leaving at the end of this term. We have appointed a new teacher in his place – Mrs Gerrard, who will be teaching the Badgers Class.
- Mrs Chapman is moving to Year 5/6, job-sharing with Mrs Willmott in Otters (Mrs Willmott will remain full-time, with release time for her leadership role).
- We are establishing a third class for the Year 3/4 team – this will be known as the Squirrels Class and we have appointed Mr Phillips as the new teacher.
- A further new teacher will be starting part-time in Year 3/4 - Mrs Russell will be job-sharing with Mrs Davies in the Stoats Class.
- Finally, we have Miss Suchowlanski covering Mrs Douglas's maternity leave, starting next Monday.

Reception	Dormice	Mrs Strawford	Dormice current classroom
	Robins	Miss Suchowlanski	Robins current classroom
Year 1 / 2	Kestrels	Miss Berry	Kestrels current classroom
	Owls	Miss Woods	Owls current classroom (Dairy)
	Hedgehogs	Miss Skelley	Hedgehogs current classroom
Year 3/4	Hares	Mrs Babb	Hares current classroom
	Stoats	Mrs Davies / Mrs Russell	Stoats current classroom
	Squirrels	Mr Phillips	Badgers current classroom
Year 5/6	Otters	Mrs Willmott / Mrs Chapman	Otters current classroom
	Badgers	Mrs Gerrard	Foxes current classroom
	Foxes	Mr Howes	Kids Club current room
	CAIRB	Mrs Ellison and Mrs Tomlinson	CAIRB current classroom

Kids Club

Because we are having an additional class in September, we will no longer be able to use our 'spare' classroom for Kids Club. This is a shame but unfortunately unavoidable. From September, Kids Club will be located in the school hall, both for Breakfast Club and After School Club. We will ensure that the quality of provision and resources does not in any way diminish, and are sure that everyone will soon get used to the new arrangements.

Breakfast Club – please drop children off at the hall doors in the morning

After School Club – the children will congregate in The Den at 3pm for the register and a story while the hall is prepared. They will then be located in the hall and / or outside. Children should be collected from the external hall doors.

Other Staff Changes

- Mrs Loveday is becoming our science lead and specialist teacher, delivering this subject across Key Stage 2.
- Mr Hughes (Teaching Assistant) is becoming our 'Outdoor Learning' lead, developing and maintaining our outdoor learning environment, and working with and supporting children in doing so.
- Mrs Craig (Teaching Assistant) is sadly leaving us at the end of term. We are interviewing for her replacement next week.
- We are re-organising our Mealtimes Assistants so that each class will have an allocated MTA. This MTA will remain with and available to the class throughout lunchtime and will provide a single point of contact for children and teachers.

Priorities for 2018-19

At the beginning of next term, we will give parents a summary of our annual School Development Plan. Some of the areas we wish to work on next year include:

- Developing a new curriculum which responds to local, global and topical issues.
- Continuing our focus on sustainability and the environment, aiming to become 'Plastic Free' and an 'Eco School'.
- Developing a greater focus on health and well-being, including mental health, physical fitness and healthy eating.

I hope you have found this information useful. If you have any questions or queries prior to the end of term, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Best wishes

Mrs K Dixon