



# Whitchurch Church of England Primary School

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Changes in staffing from January 2024

I am writing to share news with you regarding some changes to staffing from January 2024.

I am sad to say that Mrs Rix (formerly Miss Everton) will be leaving us at Christmas after 35 years at Whitchurch Primary School. Unfortunately, she requires urgent surgery and so will need to finish teaching Turtles class at the end of this term. This decision has not been taken lightly by Mrs Rix and she has put off medical treatment until the Spring term due to her commitment to her class. We will be marking Mrs Rix's retirement at the end of this term and I'm sure you will join with us in wishing her all the very best and thanking her for her many years of service to our school.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dennis at the end of this term. We wish her well in her new role at Wolverdene School in Andover and hope that work-life balance is a little easier being closer to home. In addition, we have two members of staff who are going on maternity leave at Christmas – Mrs Main and Mrs Kaschula. We wish both the best of luck and look forward to meeting the new little ones next year some time. Finally, Mrs Lawley will be reducing her working days to three per week and we hope that, again, this brings a better work-life balance.

We are very pleased to have been able to appoint experienced teachers to replace those who are leaving and are delighted that they will be joining us in the new term. Our new staff members are Mrs Meade who will be joining us in Year 2, Mrs Langfeld who will be joining us in Year 3 and Mrs Rodgers who will be joining us, providing cover in Year 3 for Mr May and Year 5 for Mr Gutwin, as well as supporting in the Willow Room and with some aspects of SEND.

As we have staff members leaving, there are inevitably changes in some classes and we will ensure these transitions are managed supportively for the children. We have thought carefully about any move of staff that we have had to make and have taken decisions based on the needs of particular cohorts of children and teacher's expertise to ensure the best provision both in classes and across teams.

The changes to classes are as follows:

Class	Class teacher & days	Support staff
Turtles	Miss Fewtrell (full time)	Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Hague, Mrs Hack, Mrs Tuffin
Seahorses	Miss Lawley (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Brenton (Thursday & Friday)	Mrs Marriott, Mrs McAslin, Mrs Kelly
Dolphins	Mrs Mead (full time)	Mrs Robinson



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Leopards	Mrs Langfeld (full time)	Mrs Farrand, Mrs Price
Jaguars	Mr May (full time) Mrs Rodgers (Tuesday afternoon)	Mrs Ramsell
Kingfishers	Mr Gutwin (full time) Mrs Rodgers (Thursday morning fortnightly)	Mrs Paine

We appreciate that any change during the year brings with it some anxiety. We will ensure that a full handover of information is completed and Mrs Meade and Mrs Langfeld will be spending some time in school before the Christmas break to meet the children and to speak with existing class teachers. This will also be the case for Turtles class – and Miss Fewtrell has already spent some time with them this term. We will be holding Parent Consultation evenings at the beginning of February which will provide the opportunity to meet the teacher and discuss progress.

Kind regards

Mrs Pritchard