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Dear Parents and Carers,

Classes for next year and transition arrangements

Teachers are currently working on class lists for next year. This is always a time-consuming task as we strive hard to strike the right balance across all three classes in a phase while also taking dynamics within the class and friendships into account.

Please see the dates below regarding your child's transition. As last year, we have added in extra opportunities for parents of our current Reception and Year 2 children to meet the teams so that the different routines and environment can be explained as the children move from one key stage to the next.

- **Friday 29th June:** letters sent home stating each child's class and teacher.
- **Tuesday 3rd July 2:30pm:** Year 1 (current Reception) parents invited to 'Meet the Teachers and Team'
- **Wednesday 4th July 2:30pm:** Year 3 (current Year 2) parents invited to 'Meet the Teachers and Team'
(A meet the teacher event will be held for all year groups in September, in addition)
- **Thursday 5th July Shuffle Up Day:** After registration children spend the day in next year's class
- **Tuesday 10th July Shuffle Up Morning:** After registration children spend the morning in next year's class. Parents are invited for 'drop and read' in all classes.

Transition is a real strength of our school and staff throughout the year build in opportunities for children to mix with and work with children and staff from different classes and year groups. Significant time is also spent to ensure a thorough handover of information between teachers regarding each child's progress, needs and friendships.

Induction for children starting Reception

Details about the induction process for children starting Reception in September have already been sent home. Please remember these key dates:

- **Monday 11th June,** 6:00pm, school hall: Induction Evening
- **Wednesday 20th June,** 1.30 – 2:30pm, Star Class: Stay and Play
- **Tuesday 26th June,** 1.30 – 2:30pm, Star Class/ Forest Area: Teddy Bears Picnic
- **Thursday 5th July,** 9.30 – 11:00, Star Class: Stay and Play
- **Tuesday 10th July,** 9.30 – 11:00, Star Class: Stay and Play



We will have one Reception class (Star) next year taught by Mrs Julie Grice.

Teaching Teams for next year:

1. Sunbeams and Sun Nursery Class Leaders: Ms Vicky Farnham & Mrs Tina Smith
2. Star Class: Mrs Julie Grice
3. Mars Class: Miss Katie Dodington
4. Pluto Class: Mrs Carrie Hinder/ Mrs Lucy Young (we are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to cover their respective maternity leaves).
5. Venus Class: Ms Polly Emmott/ Mrs Anna Cox
6. Saturn Class: Miss Danielle Mathews
7. Neptune Class: Mrs Naomi Boyce
8. Uranus Class: Mrs Gemma Chinnery/ Mrs Dee Comber
9. Mercury Class: Mrs Eleanor Cook
10. Earth Class: Mrs Michelle Ross/ Mrs Norma Forster
11. Jupiter Class: Mr Jake Andrew
Mr Andrew will not be able to attend the Shuffle Up Day; however, his new class will have an opportunity to meet him on Thursday 12th July.

Staff leaving this year

Miss Cole will be leaving this year after two years as Year 5/6 teacher and PE Coordinator as she moves to her new school in Oxfordshire and the next 'adventure' in her teaching career. Ms Inwood will be leaving after two terms teaching. I am really grateful for Ms Inwood for stepping in at very short notice and doing a sterling job since Easter. Mrs Judson will be leaving three and a half years as she prepares for a big move – possibly abroad! Mrs Brereton will also be leaving to be able to devote greater time to her young family. Mrs Judson and Mrs Brereton will still be around though as they will remain with the school as supply teachers. Mrs Weatherhogg will also be leaving this year as her contract will come to an end. She has been a fantastic support in first Reception and then Year1 and 2.

All of our staff will be much missed and I would like to say a huge thank you to them for their dedication, hard work and support for our children. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the staff who are leaving or have left during the course of the year all the best for their future endeavours!

Best wishes,



Alun Randell
Head Teacher