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Staffing Update

Dear Parents,

Firstly, can I start by welcoming everyone back to school and saying how sensible the children have all been so far regarding all the changes in school. They are already showing the school values that we hold so dear in the way that they are going about the new routines.

The purpose of this letter is to give you some staff updates that have happened over the last few months in terms of some staff leaving and a number of new staff beginning.

I am sad to say that Mrs Castle has made the decision that it is time for her to retire after over 25 years in school. Her family is very important to her and having reflected during lockdown she decided that she retirement would allow her more time to do all the things that she loves and is unable to do while working. We will all very much miss Mrs Castle, I know that the children will too. We hope to be able to give her some kind of retirement event in the future to thank her for all her work.

Mrs Goodall left us in July to pursue future roles. She was a valued teaching assistant in school who mainly supported the older children in school. I am sure you would want to join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

As always when people leave it offers new opportunities to evaluate and build a new team. We have welcomed four new staff to the teaching team:

Mrs Parker, a fully qualified teacher, will take over as our cover teacher – teaching classes when staff have their allocated planning and assessment time. She will work with Unicorns, Giants, Pegasus, Centaurs and Griffins. Miss Richardson will join Giants as their new teaching assistant, with Mrs Abbott and Mrs Lynn doing the same role alongside Mr Thackray and Mrs Foster. This means that for the first time we have 7 teaching assistants each assigned to each specific year group. This is an exciting step for the school.

As a school we are keen to develop our staff as well as our children so I am delighted to say that Miss Nettleton is now training as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, this means that she will be teaching in Dragons on a Tuesday afternoon.

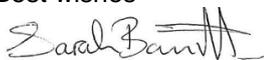
Although our new caterers were keen to keep her, Joe, our cook, made the decision to leave the school catering team in August. She will continue with the NYCC Caterers in another school. Currently we have a Hutchinson's Caterers temporary cook in place, the new cook will start next month.

Finally, an update on Mrs Casey who has been absent from school since last November. She had further surgery at the end of lockdown and is doing well. A further course of chemotherapy is planned to start in a couple of weeks. We all wish her well as she continues to recover.

I am really excited about our new staff team. It is a shame that you can't meet them yet but I know that your children will enjoy having them in class to support them.

Take care.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt
Headteacher