

Monday 29th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Premises Officer

Firstly, I am thrilled to welcome Mr Matt Shelton-Smith to the school. He is our new Premises officer; we are sharing Mr Shelton-Smith with Merstham Park School so although you will see Mr Shelton-Smith here – you may also spot him at Merstham Park!

Staffing 2020/2021 update

I am sad to have to announce that at the end of this academic year Miss Bremner is going to be leaving us. She is doing so with a heavy heart as she relocates to a different part of the country. After 25 years of sterling service to the school I know that she will be greatly missed by everyone. Mrs Sneath will be returning to us from maternity leave as the Reception class teacher in her place and Mrs V. Cooper will be taking over her role as SENDco. A separate letter will be sent out about saying goodbye to Miss Bremner. I am also sad to say that Miss Towsey has left the school in May – Miss Towsey worked closely with a number of children in school and she will be greatly missed. Mr Johnson is leaving us to take up a role in Woodcote Primary school after completing his teacher training with us – we wish Miss Towsey and Mr Johnson every success.

New Classes for September 2020/2021

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we cannot invite children and parents to come in to school to meet new teachers and help transition. However, as outlined later on in this letter, there is a transition plan. Please note, this information is subject to change, depending on government guidance relating to Covid-19.

Year	Class Name	Classroom	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Hedgehogs	No change	Miss Thatcher	Mrs Knight, Mrs Rashid, Mrs McGall
Reception	Rabbits	No change	Mrs Sneath	Mrs Rashid, Mrs Kapita
Year 1	Foxes	Annex Classroom	Miss Brizelden	Mrs Kapita, Mrs Harris
Year 2	Squirrels	Current Year 1 Classroom	Mrs Gjana	Mrs Dawson, Mrs Simms
Year 3	Oak	No change	Mrs Cooper	Mrs Everitt (SCITT trainee teacher)
Year 4	Silver Birch	Current Maple Classroom	Mr Stockwell	Mrs Harris
Year 5 (Y4 Ash)	Sycamore	Current Ash Classroom	Miss Farrow	Mrs Stone and Miss Adriatico
Year 5 (Y4 Willow)	Holly	No Change	Mrs Hogan-Fleming Mrs Chapman	
Year 6	Maple	Current Willow classroom	Miss Davison	Miss Cannon

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Transition week and transition work

We all recognise that some children find transition challenging. As much as we would like to run a normal transition week, we are not able to do so, as we have to maintain our group and class 'bubbles'. This protects the children and adults outside of school from the dangers of cross contamination between groups.

Teachers will be setting up online teacher meetings. These will be held during the week commencing 6th July. They are scheduled to take place out of school hours and should be happening from 16:00 onwards up until 17:00. The teachers will also be setting transition activities during the week and the focus of the week will be to discuss transition with the children.

The transition work will be continuing in the autumn term. Currently we are planning for a full return to school in September and we are planning a re-engagement curriculum, which we are already implementing in the school.

Reports

The annual reports for the children will be sent out on Wednesday. The government changed the requirement for school reports this year, and so there are no national tables or comparisons. If you wish to have a follow-up consultation with the class teacher, this will need to be arranged by emailing info@mersthamprimaryschool.org. The class teacher will call back to book a telephone consultation. The school is still not able to have anybody but essential visitors on site.

This is and has been a challenging and complex time for everyone. We are all looking forward to a return to a greater sense of normality. I do hope that you have found this letter helpful and informative. Once again I would like to thank you for all of your support and encouragement; your community positivity during this time has helped everyone in school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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