



Monks Orchard Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Changes for January 2018

The end of term often sees changes to staff in schools and this term is no exception for us at Monks Orchard.

We are saying goodbye to a number of teachers. Ms Forde and Ms Brander, our PE teacher, are leaving to teach in other schools, Mr Firman is moving abroad and Miss Harris, who has been working alongside Miss Bennett, is leaving to return to her studies. Thank you to them all for everything they have done for the children here at Monks Orchard.

We are also saying goodbye to some of our teaching assistants. Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Crouch, Miss K Atkins, Mrs Boufenchouche, Ms D Emmanuel and Miss Mills are all moving on, as is Mrs J Smith, one of our Nursery Early Year Educators. Mrs B. Smith and Mrs Platt will still be working at Breakfast and After-School Clubs but will no longer be working with us as teaching assistants. Our teaching assistants and Early Year Educators are some of our longest serving members of staff and have been a great source of stability for the children. A huge thank you to them all; we know they will all be missed.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Miller and Mr Stamp, who have not worked with us as long as our other teaching assistants but have still been a great support for the school.

As part of a staffing restructure, we are saying a sad goodbye to our midday meal supervisors. Many of them have been working at the school for a long time now and we would like to say another thank you for all of their hard work and dedication over the years. Lunchtime supervision will be carried out by our teaching assistants from the start of next term; which we are confident will give us more consistency between lunchtimes and class time.

We are really pleased to welcome back Ms Hart and Mrs Irvine, who have both been away unwell. We are glad they are feeling better and will do everything we can to support their return to Monks Orchard.

Our congratulations go to Mrs Gardiner who has now been appointed to our permanent Deputy Headteacher post and to Mrs Shilling who has been appointed to our permanent Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion Manager) post.

And, we have some new staff starting with us as well. Miss La'Touche will be taking over in Rivera Class (as Mrs McCoy is moving to Hepworth Class), Miss Heath will be working alongside Mrs Irvine in Goldsworthy Class and Mr Lorens will be taking over teaching PE. We also welcome Mrs Latil, Miss Wardell, Ms Aherne and Mrs Beinomugisha, who will be working with us as teaching assistants in the new year.

That's a lot of changes, but I'm, sure you will get to know our new staff quickly in the new year. Do come and speak to me or one of the senior team, on the gate in the morning or at the end of the day, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher

