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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Class Teachers**

Now that staffing has been finalised, I am in a position to share this information with you. Miss Kibble will be leaving in September to start a new family of her own. We welcome Mrs Everett as the new EYFS teacher (who has been a 'secret' qualified teacher for many a year!). Mrs Saddington will be reducing her days and will be working with her newly-appointed job share, Mrs Neale. Mrs Neale brings a wealth of energy and experience and has worked in a number of local Gloucestershire schools.

<b>Class/Year Groups</b>	<b>Class Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistants (TA)</b>
<b>Reception (Foxes)</b>	Miss Everett	Miss Leonard Ms Bell
<b>Year 1/2 (Badgers)</b>	Miss Saddington ( <i>Mon/Tues/Weds</i> ) Mrs Neale ( <i>Weds/Thurs/Fri</i> )	
<b>Year 3/4 (Otters)</b>	Mr Feldon ( <i>Assistant Headteacher</i> )	Miss Mansell Mrs Brown
<b>Year 5/6 (Owls)</b>	Miss Wykes	

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Clarke, who is relocating to be with her partner and family in Yorkshire. Mr Gordon, who has been in training with us this term, will be leaving at the end of this week. We wish him all the very best and thank him for his commitment to the children.

We welcome three new Teaching Assistants: Miss Leonard, Ms Bell and Miss Mansell. Teaching Assistants will have a varied remit next year, supporting classes/Key Stages, working with individuals with special Educational Needs and supporting groups across year groups. James Jeffery will continue to support with PE provision and we will continue to benefit from the creativity of our artist-in-residence, Elizabeth Barr. Mrs Tomkinson has also re-joined the team, after her 'sabbatical', in her capacity as Emotional Literacy Assistant (ELSA), supporting the children with their emotional well-being.

### **Sports Day**

Due to COVID, this year's Sports Day will not be a public event. It is important that the children experience an end-of-year sports celebration. Classes will therefore be holding their own in-house events.



### **Owls Class Performance**

The Year 5/6 production is in full sway. Due to COVID, it will comprise Owls class alone but will be a 'live' event! Two evening performances will be on offer. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, at 6:00pm, will be for Y5 parents only. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, at 6:00pm, will be for Y6 parents only. A maximum of 2 places per family will be available. Tickets will be issued in advance, via Parentpay at a cost of £2 each. These will be available from 8<sup>th</sup> July. The seating will be arranged to accommodate social distancing (2 seats per family unit only). Parents are asked to queue outside, adopting social distancing prior to the performance. Please bring your own beverages as, due to COVID, FHS, alas, will not be able to provide refreshments.

### **Y6 Leavers' Assembly**

The Y6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11:00 am. This will be a 'live' event. However, in the light of COVID, this will be exclusively for children of Horsley Primary and Year 6 parents only. A maximum of 2 places per Year 6 family will be available. Tickets will be issued in advance. The seating will be arranged to accommodate social distancing. We regret we are unable to accommodate any other members of the community in the audience but look forward to returning to some sense of normality for the next key event in the Horsley calendar.

### **End of Term**

Please be reminded that the term will end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12:15pm. There will be no afterschool club on this day.

### **Autumn Term, 2021/22**

The school term (for the children) resumes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is a designated INSET day. The INSET days for the remainder of the year are on the school website (under the 'Parent Hub' tab, and are available on the school newsletters. These have been placed next to designated school holidays (e.g. half term, Easter break, etc.) which will help you to organise holidays so they do not clash with term time.

### **Arts Week – September**

The first full week back is going to be an Arts Week for Badgers, Otters and Owls classes. The children will be 'off-timetable' and devote a whole week to the creative arts. The focus is music and children will draw upon a chosen Classical masterpiece as a stimulus for creative work combining music, dance, drama and art.

### **Reception Class**

Parents and children starting in Reception will begin the new year as part of a phased entry, starting with home visits and mornings only but quickly moving to full-time provision. If you have a new starter joining us in September, you will have received information about forthcoming arrangements.

### **COVID arrangements for September**

We are told that further formation about COVID will be following in the coming days. We await advice from the DfE and the Local Authority.

Yours faithfully



Gary Price

