



Summerfields

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Dear Parents

I am writing with an update to staffing arrangements at Summerfields.

Firstly, congratulations to Miss McNama who will be going on maternity leave next year. As you are well aware all children have experienced a lot of changes to their normal schooling routines over the past 20 months due to the pandemic so I have sought to find the best solution to provide as much continuity for the children in Year 6 as possible. To this end I have decided not to advertise externally because I feel passionately that the children have a teacher who knows them, their families and their Summerfields journey well. Therefore Miss Vine will become class teacher for Year 6. Although Miss Vine will remain the Deputy Head throughout, and will have time allocated to fulfil this role, she will have full responsibility for teaching Year 6. Currently the plan is for this transition to happen after Christmas with a couple of weeks handover where both teachers are involved in the children's learning. However, as is the nature of maternity timings things can change! Miss Vine will be spending some time getting more familiar with the progress the children have made in year 6 as well as observing routines etc to ensure a smooth transition during the remainder of this half term.

Currently Miss Vine has a two day a week teaching commitment in Year 4 and this role will be filled with Mrs Blanchflower. Mrs Blanchflower is also our Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and she will complete her FLO work Monday to Wednesday and be the class teacher of Warrior class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Saunders will remain class teacher for Warrior class from Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Blanchflower is a very experienced teacher and has already got to know the children in Year 4 through some days of cover. Mrs Blanchflower will also be spending more time completing handover work with Miss Vine and Mrs Saunders over the next few weeks. I am sure that you can also see numerous benefits in the long run for Year 4 children to have the chance to work alongside our Family Liaison Officer.

I appreciate that these are additional changes for the children to assimilate but children will have opportunities to talk these changes through and prepare for them with adult help should they require it. As always the Summerfields team will put the children at the heart of what we do and ensure that the children in Year 4 and Year 6 settle with the new arrangements quickly.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact me through the office.

Best wishes,

M. Gartell

Mrs Gartell