Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to share the Class Teacher arrangements for September 2020.

As well as welcoming some new members of staff to our team, we will also be saying farewell to some of our wonderful colleagues.

The class teachers for September 2020 are as follows:

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Collins
RB Class Teacher: Miss Barton
RF Class Teacher: Ms Fusco
RL Class Teacher: Ms Leedham

RB will become 1D, Class Teacher: Ms Demir
RF will become 1J, Class Teacher: Ms Johnson
RH will become 1S, Class Teacher: Mrs Stewart
1D will become 2S, Class Teacher: Ms Sutton
1J will become 2RM, Class Teacher: Ms Myers
1M will become 2M, Class Teacher: Ms Moody
2J will become 3J, Class Teacher: Ms Johnson
2M will become 3D, Class Teacher: Ms Dust
2S will become 3L, Class Teacher: Miss Levison

3CF will become 4C, Class Teacher(s): Ms Courtney/Mrs Fantela

3L will become 4C, Class Teacher: Ms Christou

3M will become 4M, Class Teacher: Ms McGrath

4A will become 5P, Class Teacher: Miss Parsons

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4C will become 5BD, Class Teacher: Mrs Bale-Dominguez

4MC will become 5CM, Class Teacher(s): Ms Celik/Mrs Major

5BD will become 6C, Class Teacher(s): Ms Christoforou/Mrs Crossie

5D will become 6A, Class Teacher: Ms Altundal

5P will become 6P, Class Teacher: Ms Panchal

Special Educational Needs Leader: Cathy Togher

Headship Team: Mr Wilson, Mrs Calder and Mrs Morton

Senior Leadership Team: Ms Brown, Ms Halil-Docherty, Mrs Philips and Ms Wren

New Staff - Welcome and Introduction:

Mrs Stewart: Many of you may already be familiar with Mrs Stewart as although a fully qualified Teacher, this year she has worked in RH as an NNEB. From September however she has chosen to go back to her original role as a Class Teacher and the Year 1 Team are very much looking forward to working with her.

Ms Leedham: Having worked at the school in our Dali Classroom, and this year successfully completing her Teacher Training here at Highfield, Ms Leedham is very excited to start her NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) year in Reception this September. Her boundless enthusiasm mean that she will make for the perfect addition to the existing EYFS Team.

Mrs Crossie: Mrs Crossie is also familiar with the school as she worked here previously. Mrs Crossie is passionate about teaching and learning and is really excited to be working in Year 6 in September.

Ms Dust and Miss Parsons are both NQTs and are thrilled to be beginning their teaching careers here at Highfield. Ms Dust will be teaching in Year 3 and Miss Parsons will be teaching in Year 5. We hope you will join us in giving these new Teachers a warm Highfield welcome.

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Farewell and Best Wishes

We will be very sad to say goodbye to some of our fabulous staff who are leaving in the summer. However, all are moving on to exciting new challenges and we wish them all the best for the future.

Ms Daniels has taught at the school for 6 years and she has been a wonderful teacher to many pupils. She always maintains a positive outlook and brings great enthusiasm and excitement to learning. Her passion for reading has transformed many of our pupils attitudes towards reading. We wish you all the best for the future and know you will go on to make a huge impact on all children at your new school.

Ms Modeste has taught at the school for 6 years and she has been a fantastic teacher to many pupils. Whilst we will greatly miss Ms Modeste’s boundless enthusiasm, energy and creativity, we are delighted that she has found another school where we know she will continue to inspire children and colleagues.

Mrs Hitchens has transformed our EYFS and ensured the provision we have in Reception is outstanding. Every day she brings the same positive high level of excitement and fun into her classroom. Mrs Hitchens has successfully been promoted into a leadership role and we wish her all the best for the future.

And finally, Mrs Giarnese will soon be beginning her maternity leave. We wish her and her family lots of love, luck and happiness when welcoming their new addition and look forward to meeting the baby in the future.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to all of the staff above for their hard work and commitment while at Highfield and wish them all the very best in their new chapters.

As always, all of our staff have been very open and gracious in revealing their future plans early on in the academic year so that we were in a great position to recruit new staff. This was very much appreciated by the governors and I and it allowed us the opportunity to make strong appointments.

Other Changes

Congratulations to Ms Calder who will take up the position of Deputy Headteacher (with KS2 focus) from September. Ms Calder has been a Senior Leader at the school for many years and has played a central role, among many other things, in developing our excellent curriculum. We now welcome her into the headship team and I am sure she will continue to do an excellent job in further developing the school.

Ms Brown will take up the position of Assistant Headteacher from September. Ms Brown has taught at the school for 3 years and has been an outstanding teacher. She will now join the Senior Leadership team and will no doubt bring her incredible energy and positivity to that role as well.

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