



Silsden Primary School

26th June 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

As we move towards July our minds start to look forward to September and the new academic year. We will be welcoming our new Nursery and Reception families to us this week and we are all looking forward to meeting them.

Monday 1st July is our school transition day. This is when the children will be meeting their new teachers, visiting their new classrooms and finding out about some of the things they will be learning next year.

Last term the school undertook a restructure of the school's Senior Leadership team to change from two Assistant Headteachers to a single Deputy Headteacher. From September, following this restructure, Mrs Alison O'Hara has been appointed as the school's Deputy Headteacher. She will also be the named school SENDco in September. Miss Hudson will be undertaking a class teaching role in Year 5 from September.

Miss Baker, who has worked with us for 3 years, will be leaving us to take up a teaching position in London. She has made a very positive contribution too our school during this time and we know that she will be missed by us all. We also know that she will be a fantastic asset to her new school. We wish her all the best.

Mr Pickering who has been on secondment to another Primary School this year, has resigned his position and will not be returning. He has decided to continue with the current role that he has held this year at All Saints C of E Primary School, in Ilkley.

Miss Ager will also be leaving us, following 2 successful years in our Reception Team. She has secured a permanent teaching position at another school and we wish her every success in this new role.

Both Mrs Holmes and Miss Watson will be taking maternity leave in September as you may have noticed they are both expecting. Miss Nicholson and Miss Whitton will be joining our teaching team. Mrs Clifford will be joining our team in Year 1 to enable Miss Gregson to support Mrs O'Hara with SEND for two days a week.

The teaching structure in September will be.

Nursery	Miss H Keenan		
Reception	Miss V Law	Mrs C Kenyon	Mrs A Travers
Year 1	Miss O Gregson and Mrs H Clifford	Miss N Bonham	Miss H Nicholson
Year 2	Miss M Smith	Mr R Peat	Miss A Johnson
Year 3	Mrs B Carter	Mrs S Carling	Mrs S Walker
Year 4	Mr L Thompson	Miss H Turner	Miss M Whitton
Year 5	Mr O Musgrove	Miss J Hudson	Mr B Bolland
Year 6	Mr J Coates	Mrs R Hazlehurst	Mr S Daykin



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All children will meet their new teachers on Monday 1st July. We have made the decision to mix one year group this year. Current **Year 4 classes** will be mixed into three new classes for their time in Year 5 and Year 6. This has been done to help to balance the levels of need and support more evenly between the classes and help to foster some new relationships and friendships between the children.

The decisions on the new classes have been made following the careful consideration of Mrs Carling, Mr Peat and Mr Daykin, who have ensured that children will be moving to their new class with some existing friends. These decisions have been reviewed by the SMT. We will not be reviewing this further following parental requests.

Finally, the children who will have Miss Whitton as their teacher in September will not be able to meet with her until Wednesday 3rd July when they will have their transition time with her. These children will be covered by Miss Watson and Miss Holmes on transition day but they will still be in their new classroom!

We hope that all children are in school on the 1st of July to ensure they are part of the day. We also wish our Year 6 children well, as they will be having their own transition days at South Craven and other local schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher