

27th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing in 1SE, 1HC & 2JD

I am writing to update you on some staffing changes over the next academic year in KS1. As mentioned earlier this month in the Year 1 Hoot, Satnam Singh will be leaving Oswald Road when we break up for Christmas. Our Phase Leader Jen Dyson will be returning from sick leave to teach in 1SE on Monday-Wednesday after Christmas, with Leanne Eldridge staying as the teacher for Thursdays and Fridays as normal.

I am sure many of you will by now be aware of the very exciting news that Hayley Craven is expecting a baby in the spring. Hayley is due to start her maternity leave at some point around February half term (actual date to be confirmed nearer the time), at which point Jen Dyson will take over as class teacher for 1HC for the rest of the academic year.

By this point we are hoping to have secured a fixed term replacement for Satnam to work alongside Leanne in 1SE for the rest of the academic year. We understand that having more than one change isn't ideal, however we feel that having a teacher as experienced as Jen in class whilst we secure the right person for the rest of the year is the best approach in this situation. We will of course keep 1SE parents updated as soon as we have appointed a new class teacher.

Although the plan for 2JD was originally to have Chelsey Daley working up until Jen's return, we are pleased to now announce that Chelsey will stay as the class teacher for 2JD for the rest of the academic year. We felt that this was the best decision for the children for continuity reasons. I am sure you will all agree that Chelsey has been a welcome addition to the Oswald Road team in Chelsey's absence, so we are thrilled that she's able to stay with us for the rest of the year.

We understand that this communication has come later than anticipated by 1SE parents, as you were told about Satnam's resignation a few weeks ago. However, the reason for this is that we wanted to give as accurate a picture of the staffing plan as possible. Based on parent feedback we realise that a holding letter would have been beneficial, so we will bear this in mind for the future.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Deborah Howard
Headteacher



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