

29 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Update

With the end of this academic year fast approaching, I wanted to share some staffing updates with you.

Firstly, at the end of this term, Mrs Bawden will be stepping back from her current full-time role as teacher for Year 2 and Key Stage 1 Lead, in order to pursue and develop other exciting career opportunities. However, we are extremely pleased to confirm that Mrs Bawden will continue to work at Sandy Hill Academy, on a part-time basis, so the children and wider school community will still benefit from her amazing commitment and dedication.

We are delighted that Mr. Walker will be taking on the new role of Assistant Head of School, continuing to work with and support all staff and pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, with a great passion for celebrating both pupil's educational and personal success alongside continual development and the best possible outcomes for all. Our teaching senior leadership team will continue with Mrs. Carter, SENDCo, and Mrs. Evans, EYFS Lead.

You are undoubtedly aware our school is growing year on year, subsequently from September we will have two Year 4 classes. We have therefore successfully recruited two new Key Stage 2 teachers, Mr Chafer and Mr Couch, who will be joining us from the start of the Autumn term. We very much look forward to welcoming them both to Sandy Hill Academy in September. Y3 pupils and School Parliament members played a key role in these appointments also.

We are keen to ensure we maintain consistency as well as our Sandy Hill values across the school. Miss Bussandri will take on the role as Year 1 & 2 Lead and Miss O'Brien will become Year 3 & 4 Lead from September also. Years 5 and 6 at this time remain single class year groups.

From the new academic year, our class structure will be as follows:

Class	Teacher
Nursery (Acorn)	Miss Polmounter
Reception (Cherry)	Mrs Evans
Reception (Apple)	Miss Penny
Year 1 (Holly)	Miss Bussandri
Year 1 (Chestnut)	Miss Brandreth

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Year 2 (Willow)	Miss Rogers
Year 2 (Maple)	Mrs Osborne
Year 3 (Elm)	Miss O'Brien
Year 3 (Ash)	Mr Chafer
Year 4 (Beech)	Miss Heather
Year 4 (Sycamore)	Mr Couch
Year 5 (Cedar)	Mr Lockett
Year 6 (Oak)	Mr Walker Mrs Bawden

On Friday 9th July, we shall be holding a transition day for all pupils, from Reception to Year 5, giving the children an opportunity to spend a day with their new teacher in their new classroom. On this day children will enter and leave school direct to and from their new class and teachers. The plans, arrangements and timings of this day have all been discussed and agreed with our Health and Safety team, in order to manage both the current climate and our pupils' needs.

Please note on this day, current Y6 pupils will head straight to Miss. Penny's Reception Class area, through the main office entrance, where they will undertake some end of term leavers preparations. Secondary transition, where different schools would need to mix, will take place virtually at this time. This information will be sent directly to pupils and families from the allocated secondary school.

This also seems an opportune moment to remind Reception pupils that school uniform in Year 1 onwards consists of a yellow school jumper, with black jumpers only for EYFS (Nursery and Reception cohorts). Obviously, on transition day we'd expect the current black jumpers, waiting for the new academic year in September to wear yellow jumpers.

As always, we thank you for your continued support, and ask that if you have any questions at all, please contact us directly either by contacting the school office (01726 75858) or emailing: hello@sandyhill.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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