

Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW Headteacher: Michael Dillon B Ed (Hons) MA

Friday, 17 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Staffing Update, Classes for September 2022 & Class Split Arrangements.

It is that time of year again when we begin to finalise plans for September. As always, it is sad that we have to say goodbye to staff who will be leaving us, but also exciting that we can welcome new staff to Birch Hill.

After 33 years at Birch Hill, in many different roles, Mrs Sue Sarginson, our Site Controller, will be retiring at the end of August. Many of you will know Mrs Sarginson and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the years and the enormous support she has offered our children and families.

Mrs Stevenson, who works in the school kitchen, is also retiring to spend more time with her family, and Mrs Telford, Teaching Assistant in Year 3 will be starting her maternity leave from today. I would like to thank them for their hard work and send them our best wishes.

Mrs Churchill, Miss Riches, Miss O'Shea, Ms McArdle, and Miss Stark will also be leaving us at the end of term for pastures new.

Miss O'Shea will be moving abroad and teaching in Kuala Lumpur, Ms McArdle is leaving to teach in a therapeutic school in Eton, Miss Stark will be relocating to London and Miss Riches has a new job at a local school. Mrs Churchill is going to work for the Local Authority. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and support they have given our children and families over the years.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed four new class teachers for September 2022.

Miss Molly Archer is an experienced teacher and Early Years Leader and will join us as Early Years Foundation Stage Leader (EYFS), Mrs Emma Bradshaw will be joining us in Year 1 and Miss Carla Hooper will be joining our job share in Year 3. Miss Sophie Middlemass will be an Early Career Teacher (ECT) and will join the Year 2 team.

They will all be in school for the induction and will meet the children then.

Class Teachers for September

Nursery Mrs Becky Giles

Reception Miss Molly Archer and Mrs Chantal Watson Year 1 Mrs Emma Bradshaw and Mrs Lucie McGill

Year 2 Mr Domhnall O'Brien and Miss Sophie Middlemass

Year 3 Mrs Helen Davis/Miss Carla Hooper and Mrs Becky Aulsberry

| Year 4 | Miss Rachael Garnham and Mrs Sam Russell |
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| Year 5 | Mrs Hannah Kerslake and Miss Steph Davis |
| Year 6 | Miss Chloe Hodge and Mrs Lianne Shakespeare |

Phase Leaders

Year 1/2 Mr Domhnall O'Brien
Year 3/4 Miss Rachael Garnham
Year 5/6 Miss Chloe Hodge

I am delighted with our appointments and confident that the new staff will settle in well and our phase leaders will continue to help further develop and improve the school for our children and families.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Dillon

Headteacher