



Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW
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Friday, 16 June 2023

Staffing Update, Classes for September 2023/4 & Class Split Arrangements.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As always at this time of year, we have to sadly say goodbye to some members of staff, but also excitedly welcome new staff to join us for September.

Mr Domhnall O'Brien, Miss Rachael Garnham and Miss Steph Davis will be leaving us at the end of term for pastures new. Miss Tia Orlando (TA in Y5) and Mr Darren Austin, our Site Controller are also leaving us.

Miss Hannah Telford, who has been on maternity leave, has decided unfortunately that she will not be returning and will be staying home with her baby.

Mr Domhnall O'Brien will be taking up an Assistant Head Teacher post in Maidenhead. Miss Rachael Garnham is relocating to Birmingham to be with her partner and Miss Steph Davis is going travelling and trekking Mount Everest. Miss Orlando will be going off to University.

All of them have made a huge contribution to Birch Hill and I would like to thank them and wish them all the best for their future.

Year 6 parents already know that Mrs Lianne Shakespeare is going on maternity leave and today is her last day. We wish her and her husband all the best for their new arrival.

I would like to welcome Miss Emily Conn, Mrs Emma Webb and Miss Karrie Brown – all three are Early Career Teachers (ECTs) and will starting their teaching career with us. Mrs Shirley Moore and Miss Megan Weavers will also be joining us and are both experienced teachers. I am also pleased to say that Ms Hannah Mustoe will be returning to Birch Hill and will doing a job share with Mrs Imogen Attrill (who is currently doing some cover work for us).

They will all be in school for their induction and will be available during the class inductions.

Class Teachers for September

Nursery	Mrs Becky Giles
Reception	Miss Molly Archer and Mrs Chantal Watson
Year 1	Mrs Emma Bradshaw and Miss Karrie Browne (ECT)
Year 2	Miss Sophie Middlemass and Mrs Imogen Attrill /Ms Hannah Mustoe (job share)
Year 3	Mrs Helen Davis /Mrs Carla Hopper (job share) and Mrs Shirley Moore
Year 4	Mrs Sam Russell and Mrs Emma Wells (ECT)
Year 5	Mrs Hannah Kerslake and Miss Emily Conn (ECT)
Year 6	Miss Chloe Hodge and Miss Megan Weavers

Class Splits and Transition

Teachers have been planning class splits over the last few weeks – including talking to the children. Children will spend time in their new classes – meeting their new teacher/s and classes on Wednesday 5th (AM) and Thursday 6th July (PM). Over these two dates, most Year 6 children will be off for their transition to secondary school.

I am delighted with our new appointments, and pleased we are fully staffed with teachers for September. I am confident that the new members of staff will settle into life at Birch Hill really well and will be well supported by the rest of the team.

We are currently recruiting for Teaching Assistants (TAs) and I will keep you updated on further appointments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Dillon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Dillon
Headteacher