



Monday 19th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and that you enjoyed the sunny weekend weather.

I am writing to confirm the class and teacher deployment for the next academic year (table at the end of this letter).

At this time of year it is usual to say goodbye to some members of staff. This year we have one teacher leaving Barrow Hedges. Miss Carmen Cheung (Reception Class Teacher) has moved house and has secured a post closer to her new home, out of the borough. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success for the future.

You may remember that Miss Jess Edwards, Y6 Class Teacher/Maths Leader, took up a one year secondment opportunity for 2020/21, working at another one of our Trust schools. Miss Edwards has had a really successful year at Wallington Primary so has accepted a permanent contract as a member of their leadership team. We wish her all the very best.

Two of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Carol Price and Mrs Debbie Paul, are retiring from Barrow Hedges at the end of this week. Mrs Paul joined the school in 2002 and Mrs Price joined in 2003. Over the years, Mrs Paul has worked from Nursery to Year 4. Mrs Price has worked from Nursery to Year 5. On behalf of all the staff, I extend my thanks to them both for their hard work and for all they have done for the school. I wish them both happiness for new adventures ahead.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Sabina Morgan and Mrs Tianne Buttle. Mrs Morgan initially joined us as a Midday Supervisor in 2009, before working as a Teaching Assistant from 2013 onwards, mostly in Key Stage 1. She is moving on to work in a pre-school. Mrs Buttle joined our team in 2012 and has mostly worked in Key Stage 2. She is moving to an admin role in a local secondary school. We all wish them both success and happiness for the future and thank them for their hard work at Barrow Hedges.

Mrs Kate Duncan, Deputy Headteacher, returned from maternity leave last week. She resumes her previous hours, working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is great to have her back! I will be writing to parents at the start of the new academic year to outline our leadership structure and clarify roles and responsibilities so parents are aware.



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I am delighted to welcome Miss Sophie Watkins to our team. Miss Watkins is spending the day with us today, meeting her new class for September, and working alongside Mr Pearce, planning and preparing. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our Barrow Hedges community.

We have also welcomed some new Midday Supervisors to our team this half term – Ms Hollis, Miss Keel, Mrs Choudhury and Mrs Ogunwe, as well as Mrs Taylor who is a bank member of staff. They have been enjoying supporting the children at lunchtimes.

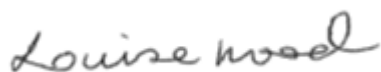
Mrs Kay Pannell, Finance Admin Officer, and Mrs Karen Coleman, Senior Business Manager, are going to be based at the Trust Offices from September so while they will still undertaking work for Barrow Hedges, their roles are changing. As such, we extend a thank you to them both for all their hard work for the school.

The children have all met with their new teacher(s) this morning and had the opportunity to ask questions about their new topics and find out a little more about their new year group. Children haven't visited their new classrooms as we organised the 'meet the teacher' to be outside – we are keeping our bubble arrangements until Friday. There are no changes to the classroom locations and I will be writing to parents this week with arrangements for the new school year. Our new parents will have received separate communications about the transition into Barrow Hedges.

Finally, a reminder to parents to please complete the PMX form to confirm that you have received and read your child's end of year school report. There is also the Parent Survey (a Google Form) that we ask that you complete.

With thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Wood".

Louise Wood
Headteacher

Current Class 20/21	Class Teacher(s) for 2021/2022	New Class Name 21/22
-	Mrs Janine Covey	R Fox
-	Mrs Tina Bennett	R Badger
-	Miss Hannah Potter	R Hedgehog
R Badger	Miss Abi Doble	Y1 Otter
R Fox	Mrs Sarah Woods	Y1 Rabbit
R Hedgehog	Mrs Sam McGinley	Y1 Squirrel
Y1 Squirrel	Mr Joe Pearce	Y2 Woodpecker
Y1 Otter	Mr Charlie Shaw/Mrs Hannah Nutley**	Y2 Robin
Y1 Rabbit	Miss Sophie Watkins*	Y2 Kingfisher
Y2 Woodpecker	Miss Cat Davies	Y3 Ash
Y2 Kingfisher	Miss Zoe Hine	Y3 Elm
Y2 Robin	Miss Abi Swinfield	Y3 Oak
Y3 Elm	Mr Luke Buckingham	Y4 Lime
Y3 Oak	Mr Duncan Woolford	Y4 Walnut
Y3 Ash	Miss Lizzie Holmes	Y4 Maple
Y4 Walnut	Miss Becky Cheetham***	Y5 Beech
Y4 Maple	Miss Beth Campbell	Y5 Cedar
Y4 Lime	Miss Kim Rayment	Y5 Rowan
Y5 Cedar	Miss Katie Lucas	Y6 Sycamore
Y5 Beech	Mrs Kim Duffin	Y6 Chestnut
Y5 Rowan	Miss Beki Swinfield	Y6 Willow

Other teachers who teach some subjects to Reception to Year 6 classes are: Mrs Kelly Wallis, Mrs Karen Cutts-Munro, Ms Rebecca Pericleous, Miss Ayla Zafer and Mrs Rebecca Rogers. Madame Wilson teaches French to Years 4, 5 and 6.

*New teacher to the school

**This will be a job share. Mr Shaw will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Nutley will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Both teachers will have Wednesday morning together (along with their Year 2 team colleagues) for their statutory Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time so this means there will be excellent communication and planning between the two teachers.

*** Miss Ayla Zafer will teach Beech class on a Wednesday as Miss Cheetham has this day to focus on her roles and responsibilities as Assistant Headteacher and Maths Leader.