



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we have reached the end of a long, yet productive and enjoyable term, I am writing to wish you all a very happy Christmas – quality time with family and friends and hopefully a time to relax.

Attached with this Parent Mail is this half term's edition of Hedgelines and please find the link [here](#) to our end of term 'Leadership Lines'. I ask that you do take the time to read both of these over the break so that you are well informed of the work of the school.

Additionally, I write with an update on some changes to staffing in Early Years.

Unfortunately, Miss Skye Lucas will not be returning to Barrow Hedges. Mrs Claire Reed leaves us today as she is moving onto a new challenge, working in a secondary school. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well.

We are delighted to confirm that Miss Natalia Mitchell will be joining our Nursery team, moving from Reception. Mrs Hollis, who has been working only mornings in Nursery, will be deployed to Nursery in the afternoon as well. Along with the appointment of Ms Katie Duffy as Nursery Manager, working alongside Mrs Andre as job-sharing Nursery Manager and Miss Weller, we are confident in these revised arrangements to ensure continued high standards in our Nursery.

Mrs Samantha Crook, who already works within our team of Midday Supervisors, has been appointed to work in Hedgehog Class as a Senior Teaching Assistant.

As detailed in Hedgelines, we also say farewell to Mrs Bearman, Office Manager/PA as she retires and embarks on new adventures. We thank her for her service.

With grateful thanks to all members of the Barrow Hedges community for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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