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Primary School

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Dear Parents

It is that time of year again when we all start thinking about which class children will be in when September comes around and which teacher will be teaching which class. Obviously, I wrote to you all earlier in the year giving information about staffing changes, so you are aware that we have some new teachers joining us in September. The class structure and teachers for the academic year 2017 -2018 is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Number of children in class</u>
Nursery	Mrs Steele	(mornings only)	Up to 24
Class 1	Mrs Chapman (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs McGregor (Thursday – Friday)	Reception	22
Class 2	Miss Richardson	Year 1 and some Year 2	25
Class 3	Mrs Hodgson	Some Year 2 and all Year 3	24
Class 4	Miss Thwaite	All year 4 and some Year 5	26
Class 5	Mr White (Mornings) Mrs Harrison (Afternoons)	Some Year 5 and all Year 6	24

Additional information such as special educational needs and teaching assistant support will be shared at a later stage. Decisions on which class children are in is based on a number of factors and, at all times, we do what is **best** for the individual child based on maturity, academic ability, age and friendship groups.

On Thursday 6th July, during the afternoon, children will spend some time in their new class and with their new class teacher. This is when children will find out which class they will be in next academic year. Due to a fluctuation in numbers of children in each year group, we have not been able to continue with a 'pure' Year 6 class. However due to a higher than usual number of children entering into Reception, this year we are able to have a single Reception class. This will enable the Nursery and Reception class to work closely together as a foundation stage unit. This will also enable the school to offer 30 hour funded places to 3 and 4 year olds from January 2018, if there is sufficient demand. More information will follow regarding the 30 hour provision at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above then please come and speak to me in school.

Many thanks

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Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

