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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents

Over the past two days I have held meetings with parents of children who will be in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to explain to them the class structure from September 2018. Therefore, I am now pleased to be able to send this letter home to all parents so that you all know which class your child will be in from September 2018, also who will be teaching your child. The classes from September will be as follows:

Class 1	Nursery and Reception	Mrs Chapman (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs McGregor (Thursday and Friday)
Class 2	Reception and Year 1	Miss Richardson
Class 3	Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Hodgson
Class 4	Year 4 and Year 5	Miss Thwaite
Class 5	Year 5 and Year 6	Mr White and Mrs Harrison

The above class structure enables the school to continue offering 30 hour funded places to children who are 3 years old. We have had a successful year this year by mixing Year 2 and Year 3 together and although this crosses Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, this has been extremely beneficial to the children. We are pleased to be able to continue with this structure from September. A lot of events in the wider community are aimed at children in Years 4, 5 and 6 so the continuation of this structure from the previous few years is a tried and tested combination that we know works well.

Clearly, from the above structure you will notice that we have essentially reduced by a class each morning. This is because our school population is smaller from September and we could not continue with the same format moving forwards. School budgets and financial pressures in education are well known due to the news coverage and stories on social media. The impact on our school, financially, is no different to many schools up and down the country. Whilst the above class structure does increase the number of children in each class, I am still very pleased to say that no class is bigger than 30, in fact most are much smaller. Our children are also very lucky to have outstanding teachers and teaching assistants who ensure that every child is able to receive the support and challenge they need to be able to succeed.

I am aware that we are sharing the above news quite early in the term but I am also very conscious that news spreads fast in the community and I wanted to ensure that all parents are informed of the arrangements at the same time. Children still have four full weeks left of this academic year with lots of exciting events planned, so although the above news has been shared with you today, it is very much 'business as usual' until the end of term.

I am also delighted to be able to inform you that this year we are having a Transition Day. In the past children have moved up to their new class for an hour but I feel that this does not give children (and teachers!) the time they need for an effective transition. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, children will register in their current class and then spend the rest of the day with their new teacher, in their new classroom, with their new classmates. Hopefully they will find this added time beneficial and allow them to be less anxious about the start of the new school year in September.



If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to pop into school to speak to me or give me a ring.

I will speak to parents of children in Year 5 over the coming days to inform you which class your child will be in.

Finally, as this letter is going to all parents and the Summer term is a very busy one, please see below a list of events taking place in school over the next few weeks.

Many thanks

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Class 4 and 5	Rugby Festival
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	3.30pm	KS2	Cross Country at Settle College
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	3.30-6.00pm	Whole School	Summer Fair
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Afternoon	Year 5 and 6 Girls	Rugby Festival at Settle
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Whole School	Bags2School Collection
	AM	Year 6	QES Transition Morning
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 6	Caving Trip
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Year 3 and Year 4	Orienteering at Gisburn
	Lunchtime	Whole School	Grandparents Lunch
	1.30pm	Whole School	Open Afternoon
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PM	Class 3	Last Swimming Session
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All Day	Year 6	Ingleborough Hall
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Year 6	John Muir Award Trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	KS2	Cricket Festival
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm	Whole School	Performance
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	Year 6	Settle College Transfer
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Year 6	Settle College Transition
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Whole School	Performance
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	Whole School	Sports Day
	Lunchtime	Whole School	Picnic Lunch with Parents
	PM	Whole School	Staff v Year 6 Rounders
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Year 6	Caving Trip
	All Day	Whole School	Transition Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day Reserve Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	11.30-12.30	Nursery and Reception	Teddy Bear's Picnic Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	Year 6	Leaver's Assembly End of Term

