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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some great news with you about our staffing arrangements for the upcoming term.

New Teaching Appointments

Following a rigorous and thorough recruitment process, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed two experienced teachers to provide cover during Miss Gill's maternity leave. We are committed to finding excellent candidates who not only have the skills and experience to deliver excellent teaching but who also share our values and will help maintain the caring, nurturing environment that our children thrive in.

Mrs Kingston will be leading Robins class on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. Mrs Kingston brings many years of teaching experience in key stage 1 and also holds a SENCO qualification, which means she has specialist expertise in supporting all children, including those with special educational needs.

Mrs Johnson will be teaching on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Mrs Johnson is an experienced Early Years Foundation Stage and Year 1 teacher, with a deep understanding of how young children learn and develop. **Please note:** As you know we already have a Mrs Johnson on our staff team, so to avoid any confusion, we will be calling our new teacher Mrs J.

Meeting Your New Teachers

Both Mrs Kingston and Mrs J will be starting after the half-term break. We understand that meeting new teachers is an important part of helping children feel settled and secure, so we will be creating opportunities for both the children and you as parents to meet them before they begin teaching. We will share more details about these meet-and-greet sessions shortly, so please keep an eye out for further information.

A Smooth Transition

We have worked closely with both teachers to ensure a smooth handover and to make sure they are fully familiar with our school values, curriculum and the individual needs of the children in the class. Miss Gill has been involved in the transition planning and our Mrs Johnson will continue to work with the class to provide stability.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the arrangements further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

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Next Week is SATs Week From Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. This is an important week for our Year 6 children, and we want to ensure they have the best possible environment to do their very best.

What to Expect

To help our Year 6 pupils focus and achieve their best, there will be some temporary changes to our usual school routine next week:

Robins and Owls classes will continue as normal with no disruption to their timetable.

Year 4/5 pupils will have some of their lessons in the school hall. We know this is a change from the usual routine, but we want to make sure our Year 6s have the calm, quiet spaces they need during their test times.

Preparing the Children

As always, we believe in being open and transparent with our pupils. We will be explaining these temporary arrangements to all children so they understand what's happening and why.

On Friday 8 May, we'll give our Year 4/5 pupils the opportunity to see the hall set up ready for Monday morning. This will help them feel prepared and comfortable with the temporary change to their learning space.

Supporting Our Year 6s

We're incredibly proud of how hard our Year 6 pupils have worked this year. Next week is their chance to show what they know and can do. We know they'll approach their tests with confidence and determination.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we make these adjustments to help all our children succeed. We know how much they are looking forward to the traditional SATs breakfast each morning before their tests.

There will be a full newsletter at the end of this half term with more updates and information about the term ahead.

See the next page for two opportunities for you to support your child.

Best wishes,

Simon Watkins Interim Headteacher

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Online Safety

A session for All Parents Led by a Cyber Crime Prevent Officer from Wiltshire Police

Date: Friday 12th June

Time: 1.45pm – 2.55pm

Location: School hall

As shared in the March Newsletter, we have arranged an Online Safety session for parents. To support you in this important area, we have arranged for a representative from Wiltshire Police to deliver a presentation to parents on helping to keep their child

Supporting Your Child with Their Worries

A session for All Parents Led by CAMHS InReach Team for Early Help

Date: Tuesday 30th June

Time: 9.30-11.30am

Location: School hall

We know that childhood worries are a normal part of growing up, but sometimes children need a little extra support to manage their feelings and build resilience. That's why we're delighted to invite you to our upcoming parent workshop: Supporting Your Child with Their Worries.

This session will be delivered by our CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) InReach Team for Early Help, who work with Children's Support and Safeguarding Services at Wiltshire Council. They specialise in providing advice and information sessions for parents and support staff around positive wellbeing and mental health issues impacting children.

Why attend this session?

This workshop is designed to give you practical tools and strategies to help your child navigate their worries at home. You'll learn:

- How to recognise the signs that your child might be struggling with worry or anxiety
- Practical techniques you can use at home to support your child when they feel worried
- When and how to seek additional support if needed
- Expert insights from mental health professionals who understand children's emotional development

A flyer with further information about this session will be coming home shortly and we will ask you to sign up for a place so we know how many people will be attending.

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