

Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Update

As you know, Mrs Cohen, who has been working from home, is due to start her official maternity leave on Tuesday 19th April as we return for the summer term. We wish Lisa well as she anticipates this very exciting time for her and her husband and their imminent new arrival.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Gia Nathan to our staff who will be our teacher replacement for Lisa's absence. Gia is familiar to our Academy Trust which means she is also already familiar to some of our staff.

For strategic reasons, including the contracted hours of some of our part time staff who have been working additional hours whilst we have covered Lisa's absence - but mostly to minimise disruption to our children, particularly our youngest children in Sparrow Class, Mrs Nathan will be working initially alongside Sarah Fagelson in Year 4, Woodpecker Class, instead of taking over in Sparrow Class.

This means for the summer term, Sparrow Class will continue to be taught by Mrs Gray but also by Mrs Fagelson. Mrs Fagelson is familiar to Sparrow Class as we have ensured she has spent time with them this term. In fact, she has already been invited back for play dates by several Sparrow Class children!!

Essentially, this means that for the summer term, Mrs Fagelson will be working across two classes and I am beyond grateful to her for this and her commitment to all the children in our school. Without her agreement to do this, there would have been considerably more disruption.

Mrs Fagelson has worked very successfully before with both Mrs Gray and Mrs Nathan which means I know that Sparrow Class and Woodpecker Class are in very safe, capable hands.

Mrs Nathan, is appointed as a full time member of staff and as such on the days that Mrs Fagelson is teaching Year 4, she will be supporting Key Stage 2 children and classes.

I also need to advise that Mrs Hunter will be absent for the last two weeks of this term undergoing very long awaited surgery. Again, in the best interests of the children and to ensure familiarity and continuity, Starling Class will be covered for this period by Mrs Rowe and Mrs Susy Lowe, with my grateful thanks for their accommodating flexibility.

I pay tribute to the staff who as always have gone above and beyond to ensure the smoothest possible running of the school whilst colleagues are absent – something they are under no obligation to do. We really are very lucky.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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