



Dear Parents/Carers,

6th July 2018

STAFFING CHANGES

The end of the year is nearly upon us and it is often a time to express our thanks to our hardworking staff and bid a fond farewell to those members of staff who are leaving us. This year we are saying goodbye to Year 1 teacher Mrs Louise Gabb, who leaves us to teach one day a week in a Y3/4 class and maybe take on some supply work too. By moving on, Louise is looking forward to teaching in other settings and we wish her well with this. Mrs Rachel Reid has recently moved house and is now looking to work closer to her new home. She has been with us for a few years now and has supported the children in KS1 and help them achieve their potential; we thank her for this. Mrs Helen Retter has also decided to move on, looking forward to trying something different - having a break from teaching or doing some supply work. She too has worked at Tatworth for many years; we want to thank her for her contribution in teaching and supporting all the children she has worked with. All three teachers have dedicated time to the children and we thank them for their nurturing skills and constant and invaluable support. Mrs Martin, who is a teaching assistant at the school, has also decided to have a break and will also be leaving us this July. We thank Mrs Martin for her many years support and dedication to the school and more recently Governing Body too.

We have recruited some excellent staff this term to fill these positions: Mrs Louisa Donkersley, Mr Andrew Russell and Mrs Lucy Whiffin will be joining us in September so we will be fully staffed and raring to go. We were impressed with their interviews and teaching tasks and know they will make a significant contribution to the school in the coming years. Both Mrs Donkersley and Mrs Whiffin have many teaching years behind them and we are looking forward to the range of skills they are bringing to Tatworth, including strengths in English, PSHE, MFL and Art. Mr Russell is about to start his second career in teaching having worked in Africa for many years. Again, his experiences will support our wider work on global understanding and citizenship, which we are very excited about.

These timetabling changes have also allowed us to have two teachers in some lessons across the school which we are really excited about.

We are also presently interviewing for a new Teaching Assistant too and will notify you when they have been appointed.

Next Wednesday, 11th July, the children will be spending part of the day with their new teachers as an introduction for the next academic year. The new teachers will all be in that day, so everyone will be prepared for September in knowing their new room and teacher. After their 'moving up day', the children will be bringing home a letter, to explain the new teaching structure.

If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift for any of these members of staff leaving us then please take it to the school office in a sealed envelope with the name of the staff member.

Yours sincerely

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