



22nd June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this year. I can't believe another school year is nearly at a close and another set of our wonderful children will be moving on to show the world what they are made of, despite the most challenging of endings to their primary years!

Firstly, I would like to inform you that, sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Towey at the end of this academic year. Miss Towey is relocating and has secured a job in a new school nearer to home. We congratulate her and wish her well, whilst knowing that Team Dowson - pupils and staff alike - will miss her. Thank you for your contributions during your time with us Miss Towey.

We will therefore be welcoming a new member of staff to the teaching team, Mr Shanks, who will replace Miss Towey as Year 4 Poplar teacher in September. Mr Shanks is very much looking forward to teaching within the community in which he grew up. I know that you will offer him a warm welcome and your support as he joins us and settles in.

Unfortunately, for all the obvious reasons, we will once again not be able to offer you chance to meet your child's new class teacher on our usual transition information evening. Instead, like last year, you will be sent a powerpoint presentation offering you all the 'need to know' information at some point in the week beginning 5th July. You will still be able to ask any questions you have of the team via Class Dojo and be given the opportunity to discuss your child's end of year report via telephone consultation before the end of the year too. Just because we cannot see you in person, doesn't mean we are not here for you if you need us!

Your children will be able to meet their new teacher on a whole school transition morning on Friday 2nd July, where they will spend time with their new teacher in the classroom they will be housed in next year.

The staffing for next year is outlined at the end of this letter, including which classes are moving to which teachers. Nursery and Reception parents, you have been informed of which teacher your child will be having in Reception and Year 1 respectively in a separate communication due to our usual process of mixing up the cohort to create new classes at the end of the Nursery and Reception years.

Please also note that Mrs. L Gregg in Year 1 is not another new member of staff but that Miss Stubbs will be returning in September as a married lady! We hope you have a wonderful wedding Miss Stubbs and





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wish you a happy ever after with Mr Gregg. We also wish Miss Yates her happy ever after as she marries and becomes Mrs. S. Monk in the teaching assistant team.

If you have any questions or queries around any of the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Assuring you of our best intentions as always,

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn
Principal



TEACHING STAFF 2021-2022

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. K. Thornburn

VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. C. Lawrence

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) LEAD: Mrs. J. Garside

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING TEAM
Nursery	APPLE - Mrs. M. Crapper PLUM - Miss. P. Capper
Reception	ALDER – Mrs. A. Everitt ASH – Miss. K. Cranny
Year 1	BIRCH – Mrs. L. Gregg OAK – Mrs. A. Killeen
Year 2	1 OAK will move to MAPLE – Mrs. D. Dewsnap 1 BIRCH will move to HOLLY – Mrs. L. Thomas
Year 3	2 MAPLE will move to HAZEL – Miss. R. Danaher 2 HOLLY will move to HAWTHORN – Miss. N. Sankey
Year 4	3 HAZEL will move to POPLAR – Mr. J. Shanks 3 HAWTHORN will move to WILLOW – Miss. K. Shaw
Year 5	4 WILLOW will move to BEECH – Mr. L. Turner 4 POPLAR will move to ROWAN – Miss. R. Hodgkinson
Year 6	5 ROWAN will move to PINE – Mrs. J. Priest 5 BEECH will move to SYCAMORE – Miss. C. Maddocks

TEACHING ASSISTANT TEAMS		
EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE	LOWER SCHOOL	UPPER SCHOOL
Mrs. J. Cartwright Mrs. N. Houghton Mrs. D. Hill Mrs. S. Hodgkinson Mrs. R. Lowe Mrs. J. Sparham Mrs. S. Wibberley	Mrs. L. Shearing Miss. Z. Mitchell Mrs. N. Latham Mrs. J. Ekin Miss. C. Hoatson Mrs. S. Monks Miss. A. Collier	Ms. J. Layfield Mrs. C. Bond Mrs. K. Minton Mrs. C. Feakes Mrs. J. Hayes Miss. L. Samuels

SPECIALIST SEN SUPPORT: Mrs. J. Taylor-Riley

PASTORAL MANAGER: Mrs. M. Bradley

INCLUSION COORDINATOR: Mrs. M. Ashley