



18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of a year and plan for the next, it is time to inform you of our teaching staff structure changes and class transition arrangements in preparation for September.

We are lucky that our experienced teaching team continues to be relatively stable with no brand-new teachers for September. It has, however, continued to be a baby-themed year as we will wish Mrs Hancock a wonderful maternity leave when she finishes at the end of the summer term. This means we are able to welcome Miss Hunt for a further year on Team Dowson! Miss Hunt gets married in the summer so she appears on our staff list as Mrs Kelly. Miss Capper is now married and so is listed as Mrs Donnelly.

As you know from the end of term newsletter, we are holding our transition evenings for you to meet your child's new teacher in the next couple of weeks. These meetings allow you to hear the 'need to know' information for the upcoming year group, how you can support your child to prepare for transition and be successful across the next chapter of their academic journey. You can also ask the teaching team any questions you might have about the 'next chapter'. Mrs Lawrence and I will also be around should anyone need to discuss anything with us.

Your children will be able to meet their new teacher on a whole school transition morning in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 will be 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.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Shaw and Mrs Preece at the end of this academic year – both of whom have been amazing teachers and will be greatly missed. We wish them every success in their new adventures.

Mrs Ellerton will return from Maternity leave after Christmas to teach Year 3 Hawthorn with Mrs Gregg as a class share. Until then, Mrs Gregg's teaching partner will be Mrs Lawrence, our Vice Principal.

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

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn, Principal





## TEACHING STAFF 2024-2025

**PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. K. Thornburn

**VICE PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. C. Lawrence

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL and SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) LEAD:** Mrs. R. Douse

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING TEAM
Nursery	<b>APPLE</b> - Mrs. M. Crapper <b>PLUM</b> – Mrs. M.Crapper
Reception	<b>ALDER</b> – Mrs. A. Everitt <b>ASH</b> – Mrs. K. McLaren
Year 1	<b>BIRCH</b> – Mrs. P. Donnelly <b>OAK</b> – Mrs. A. Killeen
Year 2	<b>1 BIRCH</b> will move to <b>MAPLE</b> – Miss. D. Dewsnap <b>1 OAK</b> will move to <b>HOLLY</b> – Mrs. L. Walkden
Year 3	<b>2 HOLLY</b> will move to <b>HAWTHORN</b> – Mrs. L. Gregg and Mrs. N. Ellerton (Mrs Lawrence in Autumn) <b>2 MAPLE</b> will move to <b>HAZEL</b> – Miss. L. Thomas
Year 4	<b>3 HAWTHORN</b> will move to <b>WILLOW</b> – Mr. L. Turner <b>3 HAZEL</b> will move to <b>POPLAR</b> – Mrs. J. Priest
Year 5	<b>4 POPLAR</b> will move to <b>BEECH</b> – Mr. J. Shanks <b>4 WILLOW</b> will move to <b>ROWAN</b> – Miss. R. Hodgkinson
Year 6	<b>5 BEECH</b> will move to <b>PINE</b> – Mrs. T. Kelly <b>5 ROWAN</b> will move to <b>SYCAMORE</b> – Mrs. C. Ayres

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

**SPECIALIST SEN SUPPORT:** Mrs. J. Taylor-Riley

**PASTORAL MANAGER:** Miss. M. Morris

**INCLUSION COORDINATOR:** Mrs. M. Ashley