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Staffing Update December 2023

Dear Parents,

As we move to the end of the term, we wanted to write to parents to give you an update on a number of changes to staffing from Monday 11th December and from the start of the new calendar year.

First, as many of you are aware, Mrs Spence has recently had a short amount of time off school and unfortunately this will now mean that she will not be in school for the final two weeks of the year, as she undergoes and recovers from a minor procedure. Mrs Spence will then return to us and her Year 4 class in January 2024. Although we will miss Mrs Spence and wish her a very speedy recovery, we are pleased to let you know that Mrs Pizzey, who is well known to the children, will be covering Year 4 during the final two weeks.

Secondly, we are saddened to announce that Mr Sharkey will be leaving Northbrook Primary Academy at the end of term, as he has decided to take a change in career pathway and pursue opportunities away from education. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Sharkey for his hard work and dedication to our children and their families, and we wish him the very best for the future. As for Mr Sharkey's replacement, we have been able to secure the services of Mr Whalley on a secondment until the end of the academic year. Mr Whalley is an experienced Year 6 teacher who has recently achieved outstanding results in his current school. He will also join Northbrook as part of the Senior Leadership Team, in the role of Assistant Headteacher. During the final two weeks, he will be working alongside Mr Sharkey to ensure that we have the best possible transition ready for the new term.

Finally, Miss Sangster will leave us today to take on a new role away from Northbrook. Miss Sangster has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1, supporting the children to make the very best progress they can. As many of you are aware, we have recently advertised for two teaching assistant positions, and we will write to you in the near future to let you know about who our new members of staff will be. Again, we would like to thank Miss Sangster for her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

As a polite reminder, school finishes for the winter break on Friday 22nd December at 2:10/2:15pm. There will be no Afterschool Club provision on this day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school on 01772 421599 or enquiries@northbrookpa.org.

Kindest regards,
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