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Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child will be coming home today with information regarding their class for the upcoming academic year. Please know that staff have put time and effort into ensuring there is someone your child knows in their new class, and that all of the staff are looking forward to getting to know your children better, if they do not work with them already.

Although we know that transition into a new class with a new teacher can seem a bit daunting, we know that you will offer your child encouragement and reassurance that this is a positive step on their journey through school life, and help them navigate these worries. As ever, our pastoral team, teachers and wider school staff are here to answer questions and reassure your children too.

Since our last communication regarding classes, there has been a slight change in structure within the Year 5/6 Team. Mr Burbidge will now be working alongside Miss Thompson – this change has been reflected in the information below.

Classes:

Our **Year 3/4 class teachers** for September 2025 will be:

- Mrs Watkinson and Miss Sharman (3/4WS)
- Miss Sedgwick (3/4CS)
- Miss Oldfield (3/4SO)

As you may have seen or read in the news, there is a current national trend of low birth-rate years and our cohorts reflect this. Therefore, due to fewer children entering in Year 3 compared to the number of children leaving in Year 6, we will be having three, mixed Year 5 and 6 classes. This has been an expected change as we have tracked the smaller year groups over the last four years. We are excited to let you know that our **Year 5/6 team will be made up of:**

- Miss Carter (5/6CCW)



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- Miss Thompson (5/6TB)
- Miss Horton (5/6CH)

As having mixed-age classes in Years 5 and 6 will be new for our school, we appreciate there may be some questions around these changes. Therefore, Mrs Vernon and Mr Burbidge will be available from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00p.m. on Wednesday 2nd July in the School Hall to answer any questions about what this means for your Year 5 and 6 children.

Miss Sharman also has SEND meetings scheduled this week - if you have questions linked to SEN provision in school for your child, please speak to Miss Sharman at this time. If your child's target setting meeting has already been held, please feel free to arrange a further phone call should you have any questions.

Transition:

Our transition days in school for **our current Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** children will be on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July 2025.**

Year 6 children moving to Parkside will have their transition days on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July 2025.

Year 2 children joining our school in September will be here for transition days on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July 2025.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming academic year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Vernon

