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Dear Parents and Carers

Teaching Staff for 2018-19

Although it does not seem possible, it is that time of year when I let you know who will be teaching your child next year. On Tuesday 26th June all the children will meet their new teacher for the day and get to know a bit about the next year at primary school. Our current Year 6 will spend a very exciting day at The Weald. I have been unable to give you any more notice than this because we have been appointing up until this week.

We are saying farewell to some members of the team this summer. Mrs Riley is leaving at the end of her two term contract and Mr Collinson is off to pastures new. Mr Collinson has been our maths leaders for the past 5 years and we wish him every success in his new school in September. We are also saying farewell to Mrs Spurling who has been a TA at this school for a great many years. Mrs Spurling is retiring and we wish her a very happy retirement though she seems far too young! Mrs Tucker, currently in Reception, is starting her maternity leave at the end of this term and we look forward to her exciting news in September.

Joining our team, filling posts left by vacancies and by staff returning part time after maternity leaves, are Mrs Coleman, Mrs Bracknell, Mrs Gold, Mrs Aichroth and Miss Jolly.

Due to receiving a resignation just before the deadline, we were unable to appoint one post for September as current and experienced teachers are then contracted until January, so Mrs Bracknell will be joining Maldives class after Christmas. Until then, Mrs Diserens will be taking the class – she has been working in Year 5 this year and is very pleased to be staying on. Both teachers will be with the class on Tuesday and will work closely to ensure the smoothest transition for Maldives class. All our new teachers are very experienced and we are very pleased that they are joining our team. I know they are all going to be superb additions to our wonderful staff.

We congratulate Miss Andrews who has been appointed Assistant Headteacher EYFS/KS1. She will be teaching with Mrs Mason in Wales class next year, as she will have non-teaching time for her significant leadership role.

Be assured that we take great lengths to appoint the best teachers, which is a significant challenge in the current climate of teacher recruitment and retention. We will wait for a great teacher to join us rather than appoint someone just because they are available. All our new teachers are very excited about joining BPS and about meeting the children – as are our current teachers!

The important bit you will want to know is who will be teaching your child next year:

Reception Miss Andrews(YL)/Mrs Mason Mrs Webb/Mrs Aichroth Miss Milton

2017-18 class
Wales
Scotland
Ireland

2018-19 class
Mrs Footer
Miss Jolley
Mr Bayford

Classroom
Holland
Germany
France



Germany	Mrs Tonkinson	Spain
Holland	Mrs Gold	Greece
France	Mrs Doran	Italy
Spain	Mrs Edwards/Mrs Hunt	Egypt
Greece	Miss Pickett	Madagascar
Italy	Mrs Hutchings/Mrs Langley	Morocco
Egypt	Mrs Hatrick	Brazil
Madagascar	Mrs Mujik	Chile
Morocco	Mrs Gregory	Argentina
Chile	Mrs Diserens/Mrs Bracknell	Maldives
Brazil	Mr Buckler	Cambodia
Argentina	Mrs Coleman	Nepal
Cambodia	Mrs Wilson	Japan
Maldives	Mr Griffiths	Russia
Nepal	Mr Gittins	China

Year leaders in **bold**. As we have two new teachers in Year 5, Mrs Wattam will be leading the year group.

Your child will be meeting their new teacher next Tuesday. In the morning the children will go to their class as normal. They will then meet in the hall and be introduced to their new teacher before going off to spend the day with them in their new classroom. At the end of the day, children in KS2 will be led out to meet their parents by their new teacher as normal and KS1 children will be collected from their new classroom: current Year 2 children will need to be collected from the **KS2 playground**. There will be people around to help if you are not sure where the classroom is – just ask!

We are holding an open afternoon from 3.30 until 5.00pm on Thursday 19th July, allowing you the chance to come and see your child's work from this year in an informal manner – no appointments necessary!

We have further opportunities for you to meet the new teams and your child's new class teacher. The transition presentations will now take place in September and will introduce you to the **new year group** and some of the things already planned. Remember to select the correct one for your child's next year group. We will make the presentations available for parents who are unable to attend. Choose the meeting for the year group your child will be in next September;

Wednesday 12th September 2.30-3.00pm Transition presentation to parents for **Y1, 2 and 5**

Thursday 13th September 2.30-3.00pm Transition presentation for parents for **Y3, 4 and 6**

We will, of course, remind you of these meetings in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

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