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Dear Parents

Classes for Next Year

Class Mixing

This year, we will be mixing classes to ensure a better balance of children (academic and social) within each class. The children have been asked for the names of children they would like to be with. This enables us to mix the children academically, whilst ensuring they have at least one child in the class that they have selected.

Class Change-Over Day

This will be Tuesday 2nd July 2019. The children will join their new class and their new teacher in the afternoon. They will carry out activities and get to know each other. Most of our 60 new Reception children will also be visiting their classes that day, and we welcome them and their parents to St Francis'.

Staffing

We have a few changes coming up for next year.

We will be saying goodbye to three members of staff in July.

Madame Cotton is leaving us to spend time with her family and to engage in her hobbies. She has spent many years at St Francis' and we send our thanks for all her dedicated work teaching French at St Francis'.

Miss McNicholas is leaving us to go travelling and we thank her for all her hard work and support in school, especially as the PE Subject Leader. We wish her the very best and hope she enjoys her travels around the world.

Mrs Waddell is also leaving us, now that her children are settled at secondary school, to pursue her love of working with animals, which is her specialist field. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all her work and support in school, especially with dance and drama. We hope that we will see her back from time to time on an ad hoc basis.

We also wish Mrs Bartlett well with her forthcoming maternity leave and will see her back with the new baby next year. Miss Barnhurst visited us briefly this week with her new baby and she plans to be back in again to show the children soon. Both teachers are planning to be back for Summer 2020.



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Next year we will have two new staff members joining us.

We are very happy to welcome back Mrs Maria Parker. Mrs Parker left us a year ago to undertake her teacher training. She has qualified (congratulations Mrs Parker!) and will be returning to teach in Year 1. We also welcome to St Francis' Miss Caroline Coggins, who is an experienced Keystage 2 teacher and Miss Coggins will be working in Year 6. We are looking forward to them both joining our teaching team.

There are a couple of changes with our part-time teaching staff as indicated below. The Class Teachers for next Academic year will be as follows:

Y6 Linden	Miss Caroline Coggins
Y6 Willow	Mrs Hayley Linehan
Y5 Maple	Mrs Rebecca Lambe
Y5 Hornbeam	Mr Richard Goodall (covering Mrs Siobhan Bartlett on Maternity)
Y4 Pine	Mrs Carrie Osborne (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Nicola Jobson (Friday)
Y4Hazel	Mrs Sally Cox
Y3 Cedar	Miss Charlotte Steward
Y3 Rowan	Mrs Jo McCutcheon and Mrs Jane Payne
Y2 Larch	Mrs Sara Jackson (Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri) and Mrs Maureen Wheeler (Wednesday)
Y2 Beech	Mrs Claire Mills (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Maureen Wheeler (Thursday & Friday)
Y1 Oak	Miss Laura Riddell
Y1 Elm	Mrs Maria Parker
Apple Reception	Miss Leah Denny
Cherry Reception	Miss Sarah Nash (Monday to Wednesday) and Mr Adam Stevens (Thursday & Friday)

Teaching Assistant class allocations have not yet been finalised but will be shortly.

The teachers are all looking forward to meeting their new classes next week and starting to get to know the children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wheeler
Headteacher