

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and able to enjoy the sunshine now restrictions are being lifted. It has been lovely to welcome some of our children back to school they all seem to be enjoying our 'new normal'. I have been so impressed with their level of resilience and strength, they have adapted well and seem to be liking the smaller classes.

As much as we would like to have additional year groups we have decided not to because of staffing. We hope that you will instead continue to access the activities on DB Primary and the paper packs.

New Reception classes

As many of you might remember, it is at this point of the year that Reception teachers carry out home visits to our new Reception families. This year there will be no home visits, as an alternative Reception teacher will call all new parents and complete the Reception booklet. This is a great opportunity to tell us all you can about your child's likes and dislikes, things that they are good at doing and will provide much needed incite for the class teacher.

New Class teachers

Below you will find the staffing structure for next year and in brackets the previous class going up to the new teacher.

Class	New Class teachers
Reception	Mrs Walker Ms Gibson
Daffodil (Y1) (class coming up-Primrose)	Ms Yiacoulas
Daisy (Y1) (class coming up-Poppy)	Ms Kaur
Bluebell (Y2) (class coming up-Daisy)	Ms Hamza
Buttercup (Y2) (class coming up-Daffodil)	Ms Vanloo
3C (class coming up-Buttercup)	Ms Cinko
3D (class coming up-Bluebell)	Ms Davies
4B (class coming up-3C)	Ms Boyce
4W (class coming up-3A)	Mrs Warsame (class taught by maternity cover until Mrs Warsame returns from maternity leave)
5B (class coming up-4T)	Mr Basing

5H (class coming up-4K)	Ms Holmes (New teacher)
6T (class coming up-6M)	Ms Timur
6M (class coming up-6B)	Ms Mehmet

Saying our Goodbyes

It is with great sadness that we have to bid good bye too Ms Mack and Ms Ahmed. Both teachers have made a phenomenal impact on the lives of so many of our Woodpecker children and families, they will be missed by both children and staff. As they move on to new and exciting endeavours we wish them well and hope they always come back to visit. Good Luck!!!!!!

From Ms Mack

‘After 5 years at Woodpecker Hall I have made the difficult decision that my journey has come to an end. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made my time at this school so special. Over the last 5 years all of the staff, parents and children have made a Northerner feel at home in the South and I cannot thank you enough.

To my wonderful colleagues, thank you for all of your help, encouragement and laughs. To the amazing Woodpecker Hall parents, thank you for your smiles, kind words and support. And finally to all of the children, you have been my extended family over the last 5 years and the lessons you have taught me will stay with me forever, you have made me feel like a superhero every day and I will miss you all so much. One special thank you to my year 6 children, I know this year is not what we imagined but you have all taken it in your stride and made me incredibly proud’.

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” -A.A. Milne (Winnie-the-Pooh)

From Ms Ahmed

Dear Woodpecker,

I have been so lucky to have the opportunity to teach amazing and inspiring children over the last five years. I am so proud of you all. It has been a great pleasure, and you will **ALL** be missed very much!

I would also like to say thank you to the lovely and supportive parents and carers who work so hard for their children every day.

Goodbye and THANK YOU for everything. I wish you all the best.

Love from Miss Ahmed x

Have an amazing weekend Woodpecker Family

Ms Sharon Parson

(Headteacher)