

# Kings Worthy

Primary School

## Newsletter



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### Dear Parent/Carers

#### Staffing and the rest of the year

After my announcement earlier this week that our current classes will not be shuffled, I am now in a position to inform you what our teaching team will look like in September.

Year R – Mrs Helen Morgan and Miss Rachel Hynes

Year 1 – Miss Chloe Wood and Miss Anna Hutchins

Year 2 – Miss Cate Singleton and Mr Alex Watton

Year 3 – Mrs Caz Moore and Mr Adam Abraham

Year 4 – Mrs Gemma Smallwood and Mr Jeremy Brewster

Year 5 – Miss Hannah Aldridge and Mr Oliver Rule

Year 6 – Mrs Lynne Keeble and Mrs Rachael Cowling

SENCo - Mrs Amy Weatherup

PPA teachers - Mrs Patricia Caldbeck, Mrs Laura Atkins, Mrs Nikki Sibbons, Mrs Nikki Windram and Madame Ali Miller

Teaching assistants – Mrs Fiona Haydon, Mrs Eve Silvester, Mrs Laura Rolfe, Mrs Jo Griffiths, Mrs Heather Moncrieffe, Mr Steven Lovegrove, Mrs Eli Stewart, Mrs Carole Stevens, Miss Louise Shultz, Mrs Sarah Evans, Mrs Emma Griffin, Mrs Beatrix Harkay, Mrs Carol Butler, Mr Arron Potter

Emotional support worker – Mrs Sonya Hall

Pastoral support worker – Miss Lucy Shuff

Admin team - Mrs Rachel Cregan, Miss Kath Brash, Mrs Emma Clarke and Mrs Michelle Jones

Site Manager – Mr Chris Carr

You will have noticed that Mr Ewins and Mrs Gaunt are not present on this list. Mr Ewins was successfully appointed earlier this term to a new position at Weeke Primary School and leaves Kings Worthy after a very successful 8 years and we wish him all the best for the new challenges that he will face at Weeke. Mrs Gaunt told me only a few weeks ago that she felt it was now time to move on to a fresh challenge in her life away from the classroom after an incredible 30 years educating the children of Kings Worthy Primary School and we wish her too the very best for the future.

We also say farewell to Miss Zoe Henwood who has assisted Miss Aldridge so well this year and wish her every success as she embarks on her teaching career in London. Mrs Coleman is not present on the class teacher list because she will be away from school on maternity leave. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Katie O'Sullivan who will be working across the school.

I can also tell you who will teach each class:

Rabbits – Mrs Morgan

Hedgehogs – Miss Hynes

Rabbits move to 1W (Miss Wood)

Hedgehogs move to 1H (Miss Hutchins)

1H move to 2S (Miss Singleton)

1AH move to 2W (Mr Watton)

2M move to 3A (Mr Abraham)

2S move to 3M (Mrs Moore)

3W move to 4B (Mr Brewster)

3B move to 4S (Mrs Smallwood)

4G move to 5R (Mr Rule)

4A move to 5A (Miss Aldridge)

5E move to 6K (Miss Keeble)

5S move to 6C (Mrs Cowling)

As we say farewell to departing staff members with sadness it is with great excitement that we welcome 4 new additions to the teaching team in September. 2 of the names will perhaps be familiar to some of you. Mr Rule did his final teaching placement earlier this year with Mrs Gaunt and, due to his knowledge of the children in 4G, it makes perfect sense for him to follow them to year 5. Also, Mr Watton did a 6-week placement with us in January to February alongside Miss Singleton and therefore he will be able to extend his knowledge of year 2 when he starts later this year. I interviewed Mrs Cowling back in early 2019 for a teacher trainee position at Harestock Primary school as part of the School Direct programme so was delighted to be able to interview her again earlier this term and offer her a position alongside Miss Keeble in year 6. Mr Abraham was our final appointment of the year and will join us to work alongside Mrs Moore in year 3.

We have tried, where possible, for some of the teachers to follow their year groups – noticeably Mrs Moore following year 2; Mr Brewster following year 3; Miss Aldridge following year 4. This was to try to keep some of the familiarity and relationships already established for those children, especially as many of them will not have been in school for 6 months come September.

Normally, the children would find out who their new teacher would be later this term on our bump-up morning, but as that will not be able to happen, by announcing the changes earlier than normal I hope that you will be able to discuss this with your child/ren to ease any concerns or worries. I know that when you haven't even met some of the new faces that may be a little tricky, so in light of this, we are planning for the new classes to join a zoom meeting later this term as a bump-up morning getting-to-know-you session.

So far this term we have lost 2 inset days as we scrapped them both, in the first instance to be able to accommodate our keyworker children immediately after Easter. Secondly, to be able to welcome back some of our children in years R, 1 and 6 after half term. After discussion with our governing body it has been agreed that these 2 inset days will now be moved to: **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. We are not permitted to move lost inset days to a new school year.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – only the children of key worker parents to attend school.

This means that the last day of term will be **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** for the majority of our pupils still in school.

During those last 3 days (**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - to Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July**), parents will be able to book a session to meet with their child's outgoing class teacher, in the form of a virtual parents meeting. Details of how to book will be sent nearer the time. Our zoom bump-up sessions will also take place during this time.

The vast majority of you have been home schooling since March. You have a better understanding of your child as a learner than ever before and this discussion in partnership with you will be vital to ensure that we prepare well for each child as an individual ready for their return in September.

A couple of days ago, during the government daily briefing, the PM threw in the phrase 'summer catch up-plan'. I have yet to see details of this. My assurance to you is that, although home schooling may feel like it has gone on forever, it will form a valuable part of your child's education as they will have enjoyed experiences with you that they wouldn't have had the opportunity to do had school continued as normal. Indeed, research shows that children who miss education in countries where there are school closures due to natural phenomena does not indicate that missed schooling harms their education. Having seen our children return to school this week, and last, with such renewed vigour and enthusiasm I know that the children not yet in school will rise to the challenge ahead of them.

We are well into preparing for next year and during those final inset days we will also be planning our curriculum so that we are able to fill in the learning for all children that they would have undertaken from March to July. It may be natural to think that your child has 'fallen behind', but this is a world issue and every parent across the globe may well be thinking the same thing. You send your child/ren to Kings Worthy each day so that they receive the very best education that we can provide them and I can assure you that we are all over making sure that happens even more so come September.

I have said it many times over the last few weeks, but my thanks goes out to all of you for all your support and efforts during such challenging times. It makes me proud to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school, with such amazing children.

Jamie Dodson

**Headteacher**