

Thursday 5th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to plan for the next academic year, we'd like to share some staffing updates for September. Please be assured that our focus remains on ensuring a smooth and well-supported transition for all children.

First, we want to let you know that our much-loved Senior Leader for Inclusion, Ms Ludlam, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Many of you will know Ms Ludlam personally and will have experienced the warmth, care and expertise she brings to her role. She has accepted a new position closer to home, which will significantly reduce her long daily commute and allow her more time with her family. While she will be greatly missed by staff, children and families alike, we fully support her decision and are incredibly grateful for all she has done for our school community. Ms Ludlam has written directly to the parents of children currently on the SEND register, and will be working closely with the SEND team to ensure a smooth and thorough handover. We have appointed a new, very experienced Partnership Senior Leader for Inclusion, Mrs Simone Elliott. Mrs Elliott will be our school SENDCo, working with the partnership SEND team and we look forward to introducing you to her in the near future.

Earlier in the year, Mrs Kelsey expressed a desire to reduce her working hours. In support of the school, she generously agreed to remain in her current role for four days until the end of the academic year. From September, she will be working two days a week (Mondays and Tuesdays). We are very pleased to welcome Miss Sha to the Fernhurst team, who will be working alongside Mrs Kelsey in a job share arrangement. We are confident that together they will provide excellent continuity and support for our children. The Y3 class and our Young Governors were involved in the recruitment process of Miss Sha and are pleased with our final decision to welcome her to our team.

We are also delighted to share that we have been able to extend Ms Floss' contract. She has become a valued part of our team and we are so pleased that she will continue with us next year. At the same time, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Hayden, who will be leaving us at the end of his fixed-term contract. Mr Hayden has brought great energy and commitment to his role, and we wish him all the best as he pursues his ambition to become a teacher. We are pleased to have been part of his journey towards the next step in his career.

We'd also like to thank Mr McFarlane, who has provided invaluable support as a supply teacher in Year 2. We are currently in the process of appointing a permanent teacher and will confirm class staffing arrangements for September in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and trust. Our aim is to ensure that every child continues to feel safe, supported and excited about the year ahead, and we will keep you updated as we finalise class arrangements for September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jennifer Thornton
Headteacher

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