



10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents

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### **Celebration of Work**

The children's work was just stunning. It was fantastic to see so many of you come and enjoy your child's achievements on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you for supporting the school - a huge thank you also needs to go to all the staff who worked that little bit harder than usual during the previous week.

### **SWAN Trust Maths and Sports Event**

Six of our children went to Beaufort Primary School to take part in the Maths challenge. The children had a great time and enjoyed problem solving with the other schools.

We also sent six of our children to Beaufort to take part in the half term Sports hub. The children enjoyed the experience and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

### **Request for Leave for Exceptional Circumstances**

This is a reminder that the requirements for exceptional leave are very stringent. An annual holiday is not an exceptional circumstance for an authorised absence. In agreeing exceptional circumstances we will be asking for evidence. Our attendance is reported every year to the Secretary of State and we are under increasing pressure to keep our absence rate as low as possible. We would like to remind you to take all your holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

*Warmest wishes*

### **September 2017**

We had our 'Meet your new Teacher' morning today ready for September 2017. You will find below an outline of how our teaching team looks for September and the teachers photograph.

### **Staff for September 2017**

Our Steering Group (the leadership team) comprises of myself, Mrs Girdler our School Business Manager, Mrs Sharkey our Deputy Headteacher (who is on maternity leave) together with Miss May, Mrs Dukes and Miss Richardson who all have a Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR) within the school. We are delighted Miss Richardson will be extending her time with us and taking up a leadership position again. We congratulate Mrs Dukes on her internal appointment to the Steering Group, she will be taking on the role 'Respect and Responsibility' at The Horsell Village School.

We have some new team members joining us for September. Miss May joins the Year 1 team as an experienced teacher and takes on the role of 'Enquire to Achieve' TLR. Miss Newman is coming straight from a fantastic final year at University, her end of year report was great to read and we look forward to welcoming her to the Year 1 team.

Miss Smith has experience teaching in Reception and will be bringing that knowledge with her, as she joins the Reception team.

Lastly, but by no means least, Mrs Perry will be joining the Year 2 team. Mrs Perry is a hugely experienced teacher who returns to teaching after a couple of years out to raise her family.

An exciting year ahead! If I don't see you before next Friday have a great Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing lots of you again in September!

*Elaine Cooper*

The class highlighted in green indicates where your child will be in September 2017. The Year Leaders for each year group are highlighted yellow.

<p><b>Otters</b>  <b>Mrs Dukes</b> ( Mon, Tues, Wed)  Mrs Wright (Thur, Fri)  Mrs Kaine (TA)</p>	<p><b>Rabbits</b>  Mrs Skilton  Mrs Blows (TA)</p>		<p><b>Foxcubs</b>  Miss Smith  Mrs Huntley-Robertson (TA)</p>	
				
<p>In Years 1 and 2 our TAs are part time and have varying hours depending on the needs of individual children in the class. All Teaching Assistants (TAs) will therefore be spending some time supporting children with specific needs in one to one situations.</p>				
<p><b>Hedgehogs</b>  (previously Foxcubs)  <b>Miss May</b>  Mrs Algar (TA)</p>	<p><b>Badgers</b>  (previously Rabbits)  Miss Newman  Ms Powell (TA)</p>		<p><b>Squirrels</b>  (previously Otters)  Mrs Child  Mrs Wilson/Mrs Birch (TA)</p>	
				
<p><b>Barn Owls</b>  (previously Badgers)  <b>Mrs Emslie</b>/ Mrs Firth  (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur/Fri)  Mrs Collins (TA)</p>	<p><b>Snowy Owls</b>  (previously Squirrels)  Mrs Aughterson/Miss Richardson  (covering Mrs Sharkey's teaching commitment)  Mrs Francis (TA)</p>		<p><b>Tawny Owls</b>  (previously Hedgehogs)  Mrs Perry  Mrs Ruddle (TA)</p>	
				