



Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Announcement

We will be saying a fond farewell to a number of staff, both teachers and support staff, at the end of the year.

Mrs Boyce, Neptune class teacher and Literacy Leader, will be leaving to take on the Literacy Lead and Phase Leader role at St Michael's Junior School in Bath. Mrs Boyce began her teaching career at Midsomer Norton Primary and has had a huge impact on the school as class teacher and senior leader. Many children past and present have loved having Mrs Boyce as their teacher. I am sure parents would agree, she will be sorely missed!

Miss Emmott, Venus class teacher, will be leaving at the end of the year to pursue a career in animal education at Bristol Zoo! In the one and half years she has been with the school, she has established fantastic relationships with the children and their families. Amazingly creative and a great team player, we are sure Miss Emmott will flourish in her new role.

Mrs Miller, Pluto class teacher, has covered Mrs Young's maternity leave for the year. Mrs Miller has done a fantastic job working with first Mr Rye then Mrs Hinder and we wish her all the best as she takes on her new role at Southwick Primary School.

Mrs Young has decided that she wishes to focus on her young family at the moment and that she will be taking a break from teaching and will not return after her maternity leave. Mrs Young has taught many of our children and has worked in Reception up to Year 3/4 and will be missed by all.

Mrs Comber, Uranus class teacher, is also moving on to a new school. Mrs Comber has a great rapport with the children in her class and has taught across the school from Nursery to Key Stage 2. We wish her every success as she begins her new career at Critchill School.

Mrs Sadie Rawlings, one of our SMSAs but also a highly skilled TA we have called upon many times to support children will be leaving her main roles. Mrs Rawlings simply 'gets' children and provides a calm, but insistent support that helps our children make positive choices. Fortunately, Mrs Rawlings will remain with us on a supply basis so we hope to continue to see a lot of her!

As you will be aware from school newsletters and the national press, funding in schools is in crisis. Unfortunately, our own school has been impacted and, as a consequence, we have had no choice but to undergo a staffing structure review. It is with great regret that I have to announce that we have five highly regarded support staff leaving the school due to redundancy: Mrs Blunsdon, Mrs Durbin, Ms Legg, Miss Hill and Mrs Gorse. Each of these staff have played a key role in our school, going above and beyond.



Mrs Blunsdon over her 28 years in school has, in short, kept us organised and on our toes! Amongst her many current roles she assists with preparing resources for teachers, runs the library, places and receives orders and works magic to keep our photocopiers going! Mrs Durbin gives her all to enabling children to grow as individuals and to succeed - as any parent whose child she supports will attest. When not working directly with children she is helping out in any way she can and, of course, many parents and carers have seen her in action as a highly skilled swimming instructor. Both Mrs Blunsdon and Mrs Durbin have been an enormous help during the extended periods we have had without a caretaker.

Miss Hill has juggled three roles in school. She supervises our Breakfast Club, she is a teaching assistant and provides lunchtime cover for Sunbeams nursery. Ever smiling, Mrs Hill simply loves working with children and we wish her all the best as she moves on to the next stage of her career.

Mrs Gorse is well known by our children and parents as one of our Early Years teaching assistants. I'm sure she has lost count of the many children in Nursery and Reception that she has supported as they have blossomed! The pure enjoyment Mrs Gorse gets from seeing the children succeed is clear to see.

Ms Legg, who has done a wonderful job supporting some of our children, will be leaving her teaching assistant role; however, she will be continuing as an SMSA at lunchtime.

Our reorganisation will also see Mrs Lake working part time Wednesday – Friday and Mrs Ashman working mornings only. Mrs Josham will be our learning mentor four afternoons a week so that we can continue to support our children's wellbeing. Emma Harvey will now be working full-time.

I would like to thank all of our staff leaving the school for their commitment and dedication. Our school continues, and will continue, to give the best possible education and opportunities to our children. In these difficult financial times, I appeal to all parents and carers to continue to support the national campaign to fund schools properly. I would also like to encourage parents to support our own school community through volunteering and getting involved in our dedicated PTA committee's fundraising work.

New staff

In September, we will be welcoming two new teachers to our school. Mrs Emily Hardisty will be teaching Reception alongside Mrs Grice, and Miss Charis Derrick will be teaching Years 3&4. We are really excited to have Miss Hardisty and Miss Derrick join the team. We are currently in the midst of recruiting for a third teacher for Mars Class.

The class structure/ teachers/ teachings assistants for next year will be as follows:

Early Years

Sunbeams Nursery

Mrs Farnham & Mrs Stokes, Miss Chirove (Early Years apprentice)

Sun Pre-School

Mrs Smith, Miss Cross, Mrs Fortt

Reception:

Moon class – Mrs Grice (EYFS Lead, Senior Leadership Team)

Star Class – Miss Hardisty

Teaching assistant: Mrs Harvey

Key Stage 1

Mars Class (Y1/2) – New teacher – to be confirmed

Pluto Class (Y2) – Mr Andrew

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Taylor/ Mrs Lake & Mrs Edgell



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Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4)

Uranus Class – Mrs Hinder & Mrs Chinnery

Neptune Class – Miss Dodington (Literacy Lead, Senior Leadership Team)

Saturn Class – Miss Derrick

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bailey, Mrs Ashman

Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6)

Jupiter Class - Mrs Hamilton

Earth Class – Mrs Forster & Mrs Ross (Maths Lead, Senior Leadership Team)

Mercury Class – Mrs Cook

Teaching assistants: Mrs Lockyear, Mrs Josham

Teachers PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time will continue to be covered by Mrs Cox and Mrs Meade.

Learning Mentor: Mrs Josham (afternoons)

Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Head Teacher

