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## Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday July 1st, we shall be holding our 'shuffle up day'. This is an opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher and for the teacher to get to know your child so that September transition is as smooth as possible.

Next year is particularly exciting as for the first time in at least 19 years, Longvernal Primary will have no mixed age classes, which we believe will support us in continuing to raise standards. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mr. Thomson will be leaving Longvernal and congratulate him on his promotion as he has secured a Deputy Headship in South Gloucestershire. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all his hard work over the last few years. He will remain a part of the Longvernal Family as a father of Jedd and Elsie and also Mrs Thomson will still be offering piano and singing lessons.

We have been busy recruiting experienced staff with strong skillsets and interesting extra-curricular offers in readiness for next year. Miss. Cartwright will be teaching Maple (Year 3) and Miss. Collins will teach our newly created stand-alone Year 4 class, which will be known as Cherry Class. Our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator is a fully qualified and experienced SENDCO, Mrs. Burr. All new staff will be at Longvernal on 'shuffle -up day' to meet the children and Mrs. Burr will liaise closely with Mr. Thomson, ensuring smooth handover and continued strong provision. Congratulations to Miss Richards who remains as KS1 leader but will also join the Senior Leadership Team.

To Mrs. Leyman we send our best wishes as she retires to spend more time with her family. Mr.Kitley, who has been on placement completing his teaching assistant qualification whilst also supporting our Play Team, will join us to support Forest School and nurture. We welcome Miss Edwards who is also joining our support team in Key Stage 1, also having completed her placements with us.

## Classes will be as follows:

Early Years Foundation Stage:

Acorn Class (Nursery 1 and 2): Chantelle (Nursery Lead), Natalie and Brenda

Holly Class: Miss. Nash Head of EYFS: Miss. Nash

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## Key Stage 1:

Oak Class: Mrs. Chilcott-Dean Chestnut Class: Miss. Richards

Head of Key Stage 1, senior teacher and member of Senior Leadership Team: Miss. Richards.

## Key Stage 2:

Maple Class: Miss. Cartwright Cherry Class: Miss. Collins Willow Class: Miss. James Sycamore Class: Mrs. Reid

Head of Key Stage 2, Deputy Headteacher: Miss.Leyman.

At this time of year change comes together with anxiety. Please be reassured that you may contact us with any concerns. We are looking forward to exciting times ahead, hopeful that school can return to pre Covid life as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Karen Bazeley

Headteacher

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