

Otterham C P School

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Dear Parents

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As we find ourselves nearing the end of our second week of the Summer Term it has been brought to my attention that the jungle drums are beating regarding class organisation for the next academic year. Unfortunately, the beat has been slightly irregular and so now that new intake numbers have been finalised I can share with you the following information.

Class 3	EYFS & Y1	Mrs Blackburn & A N Other	Mrs May
Class 2	Y2 & Y3	A N Other	Mrs Routly / Mrs Arnott
Class 1	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Mrs Humber	Mrs Osborne

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Percival at the end of this term. After an epic year of commuting from Plymouth she is quite sensibly seeking employment closer to home. We shall be interviewing for the Class 2 position next Wednesday and will keep you informed.

You will also notice that Miss Goodman will no longer be working in Class 3 from September. We thank her for her enthusiastic input during this academic year and wish her every success in her full time position at St Breward CP School. Discussions are taking place regarding her successor.

Class 3 will have the equivalent of 2 full time teaching assistants and both Class 1 and Class 2 will have the equivalent of 2 full time teaching assistants during the mornings and extra support where needed during the afternoons. You will notice that Mrs Culver, Miss Forbes, Mrs Murray and Mrs Foley have yet to be given a location. Once individual needs have been met, they will be placed throughout the school.

At present it looks as though our number on roll will be 88 children in September. By keeping year groups together, numbers in class 2 and class 3 remain below 30. However, Class 1 will be a larger class of presently 34. This will be at the forefront of our minds when deciding the final staffing structure in terms of teaching assistants.

Although there are changes afoot with regards to the teaching staff within the school, we will endeavour to ensure a smooth transition with as many pre-visits as possible. A significant strength of our school is our team of dedicated teaching assistants, most of whom have an area of expertise that makes Otterham School unique. This team does remain stable which will aid our transition.

Please do come and have a conversation with either myself or Mrs Blackburn regarding the above information if you have any concerns or queries.

On a slightly different note, can I inform you that diary dates have been given to your child and will be up to date on the school website. As always we have a busy term ahead and would appreciate a swift response to any communications where necessary. With regards to the school sponsored walk (which we hope to achieve on Fri 4th May) you will also have received a reminder on the organisation for the afternoon. We are accepting your original permission for your child to participate. If this has changed for any reason, please let your child's class teacher know or Kerry in the office.

As always, any questions please ask.

Kind regards

Helen Ward