

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Monday 15 July 2024



Dear Parents,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! I would like to thank you all for being so supportive regarding the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang production this week. I feel so proud of all of the children at Hook-with-Warsash – they have many fabulous qualities, but their ability to come together and work as one big school community, supporting and encouraging each other along the way, is truly wonderful. I am sure that you as parents share my sense of pride.

Staffing:

Along with Mrs Jackson, Mrs Childs and Miss Nunn, **Miss Hawthorne** will be leaving the school at the end of the academic year, when she will be taking up a fabulous opportunity to travel to Australia and many other parts of the world. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best with her exciting new adventure.

Mrs Jenny Parker will also be leaving the school at the end of term. She has spent the last 6½ years supporting specific pupils with their learning and has been a very dedicated member of staff. We wish Jenny a long and happy retirement.

We are very pleased to welcome **Miss Davison, Mr Bater and Mrs Jinks** to the school in the new year.

- **Miss Davison** will be teaching in year 2.
- **Mr Bater** will be taking up his post as Assistant Headteacher. He will be teaching in year 6 on Fridays and will be carrying out his leadership roles during the rest of the week.
- **Mrs Jinks** will be working as a classroom assistant in the school.

Mr Ponsford will be returning to school at the start of the new academic year following his adoption leave. He will be returning on a 3 day a week contract and will be teaching in year 3 for 2 of these days. The remainder of his time will be spent covering staff to enable them to carry out their subject management responsibilities.

The process of recruiting classroom assistants is still ongoing and so decisions about where each assistant will be deployed are still to be made. We will inform you of these placements as soon as possible.

Many congratulations to **Miss Easter** who will be getting married in the Summer holidays. We hope she and her husband-to-be have an amazing day. Her new name in September will be **Mrs Bendell**.

Classes for Next Year:

Please find below information regarding the teachers who will be teaching each class in September.

Yr Group	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
Reception	0P	Mrs S Parkes	0T	Mrs S Dickinson
Year 1	1H	Mrs Z Hine (3 days) Mrs N Linley (2 days)	1J	Miss S Johnston
Year 2	2D	Miss S Davison	2H	Mrs J Holding
Year 3	3B	Mrs R Bendell (nee Easter)	3H	Mrs G Herring (3 days) Mr M Ponsford (2 days)
Year 4	4L	Mr A Lamb	4S	Miss P Saville
Year 5	5G	Mrs N Griffiths	5H	Mrs L Huddleston
Year 6	6R	Miss E Ransley (4 Days) Mr G Bater (1 Day)	6S	Miss C Sykes

Transition - Teachers have now finalised the class lists for next year using their professional judgment to assign pupils to classes considering gender, abilities and friendships. Today we have told the children who their teachers will be and they had a transition session this morning where they spent part of the morning with their new teachers and classmates.

Regards

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