



Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the class structures and staffing for the upcoming academic year at Radley CE Primary School.

Here is the breakdown of the class structures for the next academic year:

- Brook Class:** Nursery – To be confirmed
- Windrush Class:** Reception - Miss Beth Healy
- Cherwell Class:** Year 1 - Miss Caroline Luckraft
- Evenlode Class:** Year 2 - Mrs Julie Ilsley and Mrs Helen McConaghy
- Isis Class:** Year 3/4 - Miss Jess Peiro and Mr Mark Wolstenholme
- Ock Class:** Year 4/5 - To Be Confirmed
- Thames Class:** Year 5/6 – Mr George Wolstenholme

Oxfordshire County Council who, after much negotiation, have agreed for us to open another Key Stage 1 class next academic year. Our staffing choices also mean that transition across Early Years and KS1 will be straightforward and the children will make a flying start in September.

In addition to this change, we will also be implementing a new class structure across Key Stage 2. There will be three smaller classes, allowing for more individualised attention and support for each child as they progress through their primary education. Where year groups are split, they will split equally, which is especially prudent in our current year 3 cohort, where we have a significant amount of additional needs. We will also ensure that where year groups have been split previously, there is consideration about friendships and effective working relationships as part of the groupings.

We believe that these adjustments will benefit all our students greatly and contribute to a more effective and engaging learning experience. By having smaller class sizes in Key Stage 2, we aim to create a more supportive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

We are confident that these changes will further enhance the educational journey of our pupils and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on their learning and development.

Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10

We will be holding some parent meetings later this term to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about this on Wednesday 26th June 3.30pm and Wednesday 10th July at 9am which are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Unfortunately at the end of this year, we also will bid farewell to some of our dedicated and hardworking staff members who have been an integral part of our school community for many years:

Mrs Heather Sparks will not be returning to teaching after her year-long sabbatical.

Mrs Anne Quigley is moving to a new teaching position at Europa School.

Mrs Sophie Johnson is transitioning to teach EYFS at Emmanuel Christian School.

Miss Abi Reynolds is moving to teach at Long Furlong School.

Mrs Tina McClean is retiring after 26 years of dedicated service as a teaching assistant at Radley.

We thank them for everything they have done for us. We are sorry to see them go, but wish them well in their future endeavours!

On a positive note however, we are delighted to welcome Mr. George Wolstenholme to our teaching team (yes... he is the son of our Mr W). Additionally, we are currently in the process of recruiting for positions our Nursery and Year 4/5. I will update you further with this in due course.

We believe that these changes will bring new perspectives and opportunities for our students to thrive academically and personally. We appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your children.

If you have any questions or would like further information about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or join us for one of our parent meetings. Your feedback and support are greatly appreciated as we work together to create the best possible learning environment for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Thomas
Headteacher