



Education Resources
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Dear Parent

Staffing Update

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to share an update about staff changes.

Class Teachers

Since joining the school in 2017, we have only been entitled to Mrs Hughes as part of our staffing allocation on a part-time basis, Pupil Equity Funding has been used to make this post full time. I am delighted to share that Mrs Hughes is now contracted to High Mill full-time through the core allocation of staff.

Miss Hayley Butler, our Area Cover Teacher, is due to finish at High Mill on Friday 24th June. Miss Lucy Whitelaw will also leave High Mill at the end of term as her probationer year draws to an end. Both have been wonderful additions to our team. Their warmth, enthusiasm and sense of fun will be missed throughout the school. On a personal note, I thank Hayley and Lucy for the support shown to children, parents and staff during their time here.

Support Staff

Today we have welcomed Miss Laura Gardiner as our new full time School Support Assistant replacing Mrs Cairney who left at Christmas. Laura is looking forward to working with the children and supporting our families. Now that Miss Gardiner has started, Mrs Eleanor Orr, who has provided 3 days of supply cover each week since January, will finish at High Mill on Thursday 26th May. Eleanor's calm and nurturing manner will be greatly missed by children and staff. We wish her well for her next adventure!

This session, Mrs Hazel Richardson has been undertaking additional qualifications within Early Learning and Childcare. To take this forward, she will be transferring to Kirkstyles Early Learning Centre in August 2022. Hazel has shown tremendous dedication, care and support to children, parents and staff during her time here and will be greatly missed by everyone. On a personal note, I thank Hazel for her partnership and support to me as Head Teacher. Our Support Services Co-ordinator is in the process of recruiting a new Support Assistant who should start in August.

Classes for 2022-2023

At this time of year, parents are eager to find about classes for August. I am awaiting confirmation of our staffing allocation for 2022-2023 before we can share this information including if High Mill will be allocated another NQT next session. There is also a permanent part-time teaching position to be filled. In 2022-2023 there will be 4 classes again, almost all of which will be composite. I am hopeful that classes and teachers can be shared with parents around mid-June.

Yours sincerely

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