



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear parents/carers

### **Confirmed Staffing Arrangements for September 2024**

We are in the fortunate position that our staffing is very stable going into September 2024. With the exception of Mr Hall (who as you all know is retiring) we have retained our dedicated and strong teaching team.

Mr Patten is joining as our new Deputy Headteacher – he will not be a full time class teacher, but will be dividing his time between teaching 4PS and his Deputy Headteacher duties. Mrs Smart is also joining us as a class teacher, and will be sharing the Year 4 class with Mr Patten. They will make an excellent team.

Schools are always incredibly busy and we have had a particularly busy year. The school has made excellent strides forward in this time. This positive change was writ large in our recently published Ofsted report where some of the amazing aspects of school life were highlighted. The report also commented on the positive work which has been undertaken around behaviour both in and out of lessons. We have made some excellent progress in this area. As such, we have taken the decision to keep our classes unchanged as they progress to their next year group. This is an operational decision taken with the best of intentions to support all the children in school as best we can.

Below, you will find information on who will be teaching your child(ren) next academic year:

### **Class Teacher Allocations for September 2024**

- CLASS 3I: Mrs Ing will teach Silver Birch class
- CLASS 3S: Miss Stevens will teach Sycamore class
- CLASS 4PS: Mr Patten and Mrs Smart will be teaching the current 3S (Miss Stevens' class)
- CLASS 4A: Mrs Anechite will be teaching the current 3I (Mrs Ing's class)
- CLASS 5DR: Mrs Day and Mrs Reeve will be teaching the current 4H (Mr Hall's class)
- CLASS 5H: Mrs Harland will be teaching the current 4A (Mrs Anechite's class)
- CLASS 6M: Mrs McGhee will be teaching the current 5DR (Mrs Day and Mrs Reeve's class)
- CLASS 6C: Mrs Clark will be teaching the current 5H (Mrs Harland's class)

All parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher at the 'Meet the Teacher' events held early in the Autumn term. Details of these will be sent out separately in the newsletter.

Transition can be an anxious time for some children and some parents. Please be reassured that we will all work to ensure the smoothest transfer for your child from one class to another. There may be a temptation to discuss your child's new class teacher on platforms such as WhatsApp. This may well be done with the best of intentions but I would urge you to avoid doing so. We have got a wonderful dedicated and knowledgeable teaching team here at Bishop Wood, all of whom do their utmost for the children in their care.

We are all looking forward to September already!

Yours faithfully

Gary Stanley  
Headteacher