



Beechwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This July we will be saying goodbye to a number of teachers at Beechwood and welcoming new ones in September.

The teachers leaving us are:

- Mr Lovegrove – leaving to pursue an alternative career in IT education
- Mr Gunbie – leaving to work in the independent sector
- Mrs Harte – leaving to have a baby
- Mrs Tisi - leaving to have a baby
- Miss Jensen – relocating to Birmingham
- Miss Anthony – leaving to work in a small village primary school
- Miss Morgan – leaving to work in Kuwait
- Miss Hanson – leaving to pursue a career elsewhere
- Mrs Padbury – leaving as her contract has come to an end
- Mr Baxter – leaving as his contract has come to an end

Whilst we are very sad to say goodbye to so many valued colleagues, we wish them luck with their varied and exciting futures. Recruitment to replace these staff members has been well under way for some time and although not yet complete I am able to share some news with you.

The IEB, Mrs Minter and I have taken this opportunity to strengthen the senior leadership team at Beechwood and we are delighted to have appointed two outstanding assistant head teachers.

Leading the upper school, years 3 to 6, will be Mr Compton. Mr Compton is joining us from Kings College Alicante where he is currently upper key stage 2 leader. Mr Compton has a passion and expertise for developing mathematics and prior to his role in Spain he worked in greater Manchester as a teacher and as an advisor improving teaching and learning and outcomes in a wide range of schools.

Leading the lower school, Year R to Year 2 will be Miss Riley. Miss Riley is joining us from London where she leads a year group in a five form entry primary school. Miss Riley has a passion for assessment for learning, English and is an outstanding teacher. In addition to these two crucial appointments we are delighted to welcome Miss Bowen who is joining us from New Zealand and Mrs Vogues who is joining us from South Africa. Mrs Jain will also be staying at Beechwood as a class teacher having recently completed her training and achieving qualified teacher status.

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As soon as we have more news to share with you regarding the remaining appointments I will write to you again. As many of our new staff will be joining us from different countries they will not be available to meet the children in their classes on the 16th July. We will however ensure all children are happy and settled in their new classes in September and will give children as much information about their new teachers as we possibly can.

Mrs Minter, the IEB and I are feeling very excited about working with such skilled staff next year. We are very positive about the effect our new appointments will have on the quality of teaching and learning at Beechwood and we feel confident they will play an important role in supporting us as we implement our ambitious plans for Beechwood.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Kind regards

Sarah Curtis
Headteacher

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