

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents,

### **Staffing and Class Structure 2024/2025**

It is that time of the year when I know children and parents are keen to know the class and staff structure for the next academic year. As always, the school puts a great deal of thought into how classes will be structured.

Some new teachers will be joining us in September but unfortunately, we will also be saying goodbye to 2 members of staff. Mrs Hunt and Mrs Ekin will be leaving us at the end of July.

#### **Mrs Hunt:**

Mrs Hunt has been with us for 3 years and has taught in a range of KS2 classes. She has been heavily involved with Young Voices, Choir and singing around the community, just to name a few. A message from Mrs Hunt:

*I have taken the incredibly difficult decision to step away from teaching and start a new career path in the health and fitness industry; something which has become a passion of mine in recent years. Although I am moving on to new pastures, it is bittersweet, and I will miss the incredible community at Boroughbridge Primary School. I'd like to thank Mrs Ryan, the governors and all my colleagues for being the most supportive and friendly team I've ever had the pleasure of working with. It has been a privilege to work with such wonderful, inspiring children over my 3 years with the school. I wish all the staff, parents and especially the children every success for the future.*

#### **Mrs Ekin:**

Mrs Ekin has been at Boroughbridge Primary School for over 26 years and is now retiring. She has seen the school grow and develop over this time, with hundreds of children having the privilege of being supported by her on their educational journey. We have many memories of Mrs Ekin over the years, particularly her presence on residential trips, swimming and many other school trips. Where there is a bus...Mrs Ekin would be on it! The children will certainly miss her on the playground too. Over the years she has clocked up over 5000 hours as a midday supervisor. We also have to give a special mention for her amazing work in our Breakfast club. She has been the friendly, familiar face to all our pupils who arrive early for breakfast. I predict that she has buttered over 100,000 slices of toast!

A message from Mrs Ekin:

*At the heart of every school are the children and what an incredible bunch of individuals they are. The dedication of all the staff keep everything together, it's been a privilege to be part of that. I'd like to say a huge "Thank You" to you all for making some memorable moments for me. Best wishes to Year 6 moving on, all the other year groups moving up and the new starters to come. I wish every success for Boroughbridge Primary for the future, it's a brilliant place to be.*

It will certainly be sad to see them both leave. We wish Mrs Hunt all the best for the future and we wish Mrs Ekin a very happy retirement!

### **New Staff:**

Due to rising pupil numbers, there are some changes moving forward with extra classes being needed next year. As a result, we have employed new teachers and teaching assistants.

	<p><u>Miss Short:</u></p> <p>I'm Miss Short and I will be the new Reception teacher for Buttercup class. I went to the University of York to study Psychology, before moving to York St John University to undertake my teacher training and complete my PGCE. In my spare time I enjoy playing sports with friends, going on walks and taking part in arts and crafts. I am excited to become part of the team here at Boroughbridge and start my teaching journey.</p>
	<p><u>Mrs Simpson:</u></p> <p>I'm really excited to be joining Boroughbridge Primary School. I have been a teacher for 12 years; in which time I have successfully studied for my SENCO qualification and held the role of a leading teacher as part of the Harrogate and Rural Teaching Schools Alliance. I am passionate about supporting all children to be the best they can be and achieve their personal goals.</p> <p>I have lived in the local area all my life attending the school as a child myself; although it is quite different now there's something special about returning as a member of staff. I have 3 children myself and you will often find us exploring the local area. A few of our favourite places to visit are Newby Hall, Monk Park Farm and Fountains Abbey. I am looking forward to working with all the children and families at Boroughbridge Primary School.</p>



Mrs Keavy:

I'm Mrs Keavy and I am delighted to be joining Boroughbridge Primary School as the Y3 Snowdrop class teacher. I'm an approachable, empathetic and enthusiastic person, and will offer your children a positive and calm learning environment as they continue to flourish throughout the next academic year. As a parent of two children, aged 11 and 8, I am aware of the joys and challenges you may be facing. I'm here to work with you to ensure every child is celebrated and able to reach his or her full potential. Together, we form the Snowdrop team and I can't wait to meet you all!



Miss Barber:

My name is Olivia Barber, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Year 5 teacher at Boroughbridge Primary School and Nursery, starting this September. Currently, I teach a mixed Year 4/5 class and have previous experience teaching Year 6. I completed my PGCE with Red Kite Teacher Training, gaining extensive classroom experience and learning from seasoned educators. Before becoming a teacher, I studied Costume Design and Making at Nottingham Trent University and then I worked in the costume industry. I made costumes and assisted performers with quick changes in film and West End theatre. I also spent two years working in the wardrobe department of a water-based circus show in Macau S.A.R. China.



I have a range of outside interests and use my free time to pursue activities such as sewing, reading, swimming, scuba diving, hiking, attending the theatre, and decorating my house.

I am an avid traveller, having explored Asia extensively whilst living in Macau, and I am keen to visit more of the world. I am looking forward to travelling around Sri Lanka by tuktuk this summer!

I am excited to join Boroughbridge Primary school and I look forward to getting to know your children and working together to support their growth and development throughout the school year.

	<p><u>Mrs Clegg:</u></p> <p>I'm Mrs Clegg and I am really thrilled to be joining the team at Boroughbridge Primary School as a one to one Teaching Assistant in Reception.</p> <p>I am from Aldborough originally, so it's very exciting to be coming back to my local area, after some time away. I actually went to Boroughbridge Primary school, so it's extra special for me to be working there.</p> <p>I've been a Teaching Assistant for ten years and have worked in every year group, most recently in year six as a one to one.</p> <p>I am a Mum to three gorgeous girls, who are independent adults now. I love walking my dog, cooking, sewing and my favourite hobby is gardening. I'm looking forward to beginning a gardening club in the Autumn term and to meet all the staff and children in September.</p>
	<p><u>Miss Westbury:</u></p> <p>My name is Nicola. I am level 5 qualified in early years and have worked with children for many years.</p> <p>You may have seen me in the school playground as I have 4 children of my own that have and still presently attend Boroughbridge Primary School. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know new children and their families.</p> <p>In my free time I enjoy doing crossfit and going for walks with the family and our Cockapoo called Bruno. I love Harry Potter and Music.</p>
	<p><u>Miss Taylor:</u></p> <p>I have been working as a teacher for the last 3 years and am thrilled to now be joining Boroughbridge as a teaching assistant after having my little boy who is a very lively 1 year old!</p> <p>Prior to my PGCE I studied for an MA in History at University and worked in HR before following my passion for working with children.</p> <p>In my spare time I enjoy meeting up with friends, keeping fit and I've recently got into paddle boarding!</p>



	<p>Mr Maxwell:</p> <p>My name is John Maxwell, I am really excited to start working at Boroughbridge Primary School, I attended this school, and I loved my time here leaving with lots of happy memories. I hope to help the pupils feel the same and create happy memories of their own.</p> <p>I consider myself to be an enthusiastic, confident and positive person. I attend the gym five times a week, believing it is important to stay healthy both physically and mentally.</p> <p>I believe listening to students and showing respect is the most important trait you can have as a TA.</p>
	<p>Mr Caswell:</p> <p>My name is Carlton Caswell. I live in Langthorpe and have two grown up children. I am married to Gillian for the last 34 years. I like to play Golf and cricket. I like to cook too. I have been to lots of places in France, Germany and America and have also been to Thailand and Mexico.</p> <p>I am really looking forward to my new role, making new friends and of course being part time enjoying some leisure time.</p>

In September, Mrs Hawkes will drop her teaching commitment to take on the role of SENCO. Mrs Hawkes will work 2 days a week. These days are likely to vary each week depending on meetings and workload.

### Class and Staff Structure:

There is some movement with current staff, and with the addition of new staff, I am thrilled to let you know the class/staff structure:

New Classes	Class Name	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Poppy	Miss Wade (Mon – Thurs) Mr Ryder (Friday)	Mrs Fourie Mrs Clegg
Reception	Tulip	Mrs Scott (Mon – Wed) Mrs Simpson (Thurs & Fri)	Mrs King
Reception	Buttercup	Miss Short	Miss Emily
Year 1/2	Rose	Mr Ryder (Mon & Tues) Miss Hennessey (Wed – Fri)	Miss Chubb Mrs Sinclair
Year 1/2	Daisy	Miss Penny	Mrs Caciagli
Year 1/2	Bluebell	Miss Shaw	Mrs Westbury
Year 3	Lily	Miss Rowe	Miss L Taylor
Year 3	Snowdrop	Mrs Keavy	
Year 4	Sunflower	Mrs Barker	Miss N Taylor
Year 5	Snapdragon	Miss Frampton	Mrs Ward
Year 5	Daffodil	Miss Barber	
Year 6	Lavender	Mrs Virden	Mrs Barratt

\* Mrs Sykes will continue to be our full time HLTA.

Due to pupil numbers, we will have 3 mixed Year 1/2 class, with the hope that in September 2025, we will be able to return to single year group classes (with 2 classes in each year group). We are extremely happy to be able to split Year 3 and Year 5 in September as these are our 2 largest classes.

For children going into year groups where there are 2 or more classes, another letter will follow, informing you on which class they will be in and which teacher they will have.

Please be assured that a lot of thought has gone into which class each child will be in, including friendship groups.

Kind regards



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Headteacher