

Headteacher: Hayley Marshall

Year 4 & 5

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you will be aware from a letter to Parents earlier in the year Mrs Weaver has unfortunately been off ill, in the first instance we covered her absence with two of our regular supply teachers both of whom know the school and children well, at this point we expected this to be for a short term. Unfortunately, Mrs Weaver was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and therefore, we knew that we would need to secure supply for the longer term. As neither of the gentleman who had covered the initial absence were able to work full time we went to the supply agencies and secured Mrs Shabir. During the time Mrs Shabir took the class Miss Wilde the parallel class teacher was doing all the planning to ensure the themes of work were followed through. At this point Mrs Weaver believed she would be returning to work in January and on this basis Mrs Shabir found a new post. Sadly, further treatment was required and it was evident that a return may not be as quick as we hoped. We sought support from all the supply agencies we use and whilst we had to wait a week for Miss Sunderland to start her experience teaching Year 5 and obvious ability at interview meant we were confident that we had the right teacher for the class until Mrs Weaver had fully recovered. However, on Friday afternoon Miss Sunderland notified us that circumstances outside of her control meant she would not be able to fulfil this commitment.

Our priority has always been ensuring consistency for the children and we felt that this could no longer be achieved through recruiting further full-time supply teachers. We have therefore taken a pro-active approach and discussed with the staff team the best options to support the children. I am pleased to say the teachers were keen to offer their support and it has been agreed that Mrs Anyan will teach Year 4 Ravens with Mr Diclemente. For those of you who don't know Mr Diclemente he is a retired Head who has worked for the school as a regular supply for a number of years covering both staff absence and supporting booster classes. Mrs Bowes will move to teach Year 5 Hawks as a longstanding member of the teaching team she knows the children and Year 5 curriculum well having previously taught in this year group.

I have spoken to both classes to day to explain who will be teaching them and why we have had to make some changes.

As in previous years Parents Consultations will be held in March however should you wish to speak to any of the staff or myself prior to that please don't hesitate to contact me.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support during Mrs Weavers illness and the teaching team for their flexibility during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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