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Dear Parents and Carers.

TRANSITION

It is the time of year when we start to talk to the children about plans for September, their new classes and teachers. I am now able to share some information with you about where our teachers will be and which classes are going to be mixing.

Discovery Learning will continue to be led by Mrs. Skurr with Mrs. Darroch as the Deputy Lead.

Children joining Discovery Learning will receive individual information about sessions and dates.

YR – Adeola Class will be taught by Miss. Gotts.

YR – Donaldson Class will be taught by Miss. Redden.

As explained in the new parents' meeting, children will start by working all together, with the YR team. They will then be placed into classes when staff have got to know them and they have settled in.

Due to the low birth rate and the lower numbers in Y1 and Y2, next year we will have three classes of mixed age children in KS1. We have considered this at length and believe this to be the best way to organise the classes; it will give the children the opportunity to receive teaching that is appropriate to their age and stage of development and will ensure that there is both support and challenge. The children will have access to outdoor learning, continuous play provision and structured teaching. We have lots of exciting plans in place for our KS1 pupils and their learning journey!

The class structure is outlined below; KS2 parents will see some changes of class names, with new authors being chosen and celebrated.

Y1/2 – Coehlo Class will continue to be taught by Mrs. Rudge, with Miss.

Bickerdike teaching on Thursdays and Fridays

Y1/2 – Percival Class will be taught by Miss. Talbot

Y1/2 – Bright Class will be taught by Miss. Tye

Y3 – Walliams Class will continue to be taught by Miss. Aldridge

Y3 – Dahl Class will continue to be taught by Miss. Cameron

Y4 – Morpurgo Class will continue to be taught by Mrs. Holroyd

Y4 – Rosen Class (previously Rowling) will continue to be taught by Mr. Cliffe

Y5 – Palmer Class (previously Potter) will continue to be taught by Mr. Fleetwood

Y5 – Palacio Class (previously Tolkien) will continue to be taught by Mrs. Lovatt and Mrs. Botterill



Y6 – Rauf Class (previously Pullman) will continue to be taught by Mrs. Edmunds and Mrs. Linfoot

Y6 – Cowell Class will continue to be taught by Miss. Wells

Mrs. Pierce will have returned from maternity leave and will be working across both schools.

Mrs. Gotts will be the Phase Leader for EYFS and KS1 and Mr. Cliffe will be the Phase Leader for KS2. Mrs. Rudge is reducing her working week to three days so will no longer be leading KS1 – we are very pleased that she is staying with us at Saltergate and want to thank her for her amazing leadership over recent years!

Our support staff will be allocated to classes when the class lists have all been finalised.

Classes

Discovery Learning children will all start in YR together, as previously explained; they will be allocated to classes after settling in.

Current YR and current Y1 children will be mixed into three classes. The teachers will work carefully to ensure that some positive friendships are maintained and that there is a balance across the classes of older and younger children, boys and girls and different needs. The new classes will be shared with the children before our transition afternoons on 10th and 11th July.

Current Y2 children will move up to Y3 in their current classes. Percival Class will move up to Dahl Class with Miss. Cameron as their teacher. Coehlo Class will move up to Walliams Class with Miss. Aldridge as their teacher.

All classes in KS2 will be mixed for September. Again, the teachers will work carefully to ensure that some positive friendships are maintained and that there is a balance across the classes of older and younger children, boys and girls and different needs. The new classes will be shared with the children before our transition afternoons on 10th and 11th July.

We recognise that this is a time of change for everyone and we know that children experience a mixture of feelings about transition. Please be reassured that we are giving a great deal of thought to managing this process and trying to support all our pupils appropriately. Do talk to your child's current teacher if you have questions.

Yours faithfully



Jo Hall
Headteacher