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Dear parents and carers,

Staffing changes

Having taught at our school for the last 8 years (first in Willow Class, then in Chestnut Class) I would like to let you know that Mrs Hodgson will be leaving at the end of this school year. She will be taking up a teaching position in a school much closer to her home. There will be opportunities to say "farewell" to Mrs Hodgson between now and 19 July but for now I would like to thank her for all that she has given to Kirkby on Bain: tireless energy, commitment and unflinching devotion to the children in her care.

Interviews for Mrs Hodgson's replacement have already taken place and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Natasha Tuite, who many of you will already know as the manager at Kirkby on Bain Nursery, will be teaching in Chestnut from September alongside Mrs Parry. Mrs Tuite is an experienced teacher and has expert knowledge and understanding of how children learn and develop in EYFS and KS1.

As you are aware, Mrs Emerson will be leaving on Friday having covered Mrs Ward's maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Emerson and wishing her well in the future. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Ward back to school. She will return to Willow Class in term 6 and will teach for three days per week with Mrs Hodgson who will teach on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the school year. Mrs Hodgson will continue to teach in Chestnut Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term 6.

I am very pleased to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Jane Goddard to teach alongside Mrs Ward in Willow Class from September. Mrs Goddard has lots of experience of teaching in lower key stage 2 and is very much looking forward to joining the team at Kirkby on Bain.

Bikeability

At the beginning of May, all of the children in year 5 took part in Bikeability. Over the two days, they learned how to ride a bike safely on the roads and all of them achieved both level 1 and level 2 - an amazing achievement!



Annual Village meeting



On Thursday last week, some of our wonderful children attended the Annual Village Meeting. They performed three songs which were well received by all those who attended.

To see a video of the children singing, please visit the school's Facebook page.

Oak Class residential

On **Monday 5 June**, Oak Class (accompanied by Mr Fuller, Mrs Scott and myself) will set off for an amazing adventure in the Peak District. We will return on Friday 9 June. Please check Twitter, Facebook and the website for regular updates of our experiences. If any Oak Class parents have any questions about the trip, please see Mr Fuller.

Summer fete

The annual summer fete takes place on **Sunday 2 July** in the school hall and playground between 12-3pm. Further details will be provided nearer the time but please put the date in your diaries now. Thank you to all of the volunteers who ran the stall at the Woodhall Spa Country Show this weekend. Lots of raffle tickets were sold with some amazing prizes on offer.

Peer mediators

As part of our peacemakers approach in school, we will be training some of the children in year 4 and year 5 to be peer mediators. This training will take place today and tomorrow and will be delivered by Phil Bence who is an expert in this area. Once trained, the children will be able to facilitate peacemakers sessions when two or more children have fallen out with each other. Hopefully, they won't be needed too often but it's great to know that we will have such highly trained children in our school! For more information on our peacemakers approach, please visit the school website.

Sports day

This year our sports day will take place on **Monday 19 June**. We will do everything in our power to go ahead on this day. However, if the weather prevents us from doing so, the back-up date will be Friday 23 June. The events will start at 10.00am and will be followed by a picnic which we can all enjoy together. I hope you are able to join us!

"Arts" themed day

On **Wednesday 28 June**, we will be having an "arts" themed day. Prior to the day, the children will have the opportunity to sign-up for a variety of arts-based activities on offer. On the day itself, they will work in mixed age-groups throughout the day enjoying music, arts & crafts, drama and more.

Term 5 ends on Friday this week. I hope you enjoy the week's holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back to school, for term 6, on Monday 5 June.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Morley'.

Simon Morley
Headteacher