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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

On behalf of everyone connected with the School, I would like to welcome you back to a new School term and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Mrs Bennett – Maternity Leave – Impact on Classes RBD, 3ED and 3DB

Mrs Bennett in Year R was due to commence a period of maternity leave starting after half term on 26th February and staff appointments had been made to cover her absence. However, Mrs Bennett experienced some complications before Christmas and has been advised to rest and not return to work to reduce the likelihood of her experiencing further difficulties during her pregnancy. Therefore, we have had to bring forward our plans for covering the class and I am grateful to Mrs Desmond, Mrs Bevins and Mrs Davis for being so flexible and willing to adapt to ensure that the impact of these changes on the children's learning is minimised.

As a result, with effect from Monday 8th January, Mrs Desmond, who has taught Class RBD for two days / week during the Autumn term, will teach this class for 3 days / week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Mrs Jordon-White will teach the class for two days / week (Monday and Friday). This will provide the children with the continuity they need.

As Mrs Desmond will now be teaching in Year R, we have had to cover her time in Year 3. Therefore, with effect from Monday 8th January, Class 3ED will be taught by Mrs Evans on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Mrs Davis on Thursday and Friday. Class 3DB will be taught by Mrs Bevins on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by Mrs Davis on Wednesday. Once again, by using existing staff who have been working in Year 3 and are well known to the children, we aim to minimise the impact that these changes will have on the children's learning.

Use of Specialist Staff in Years 3 and 4

In addition, this half term we will be extending the use of certain staff specialisms in Years 3 and 4, which will affect who will be teaching Upper School classes on a Wednesday afternoon. On this afternoon, Miss James will be teaching PE to both Year 3 classes, Miss Morton will be teaching ICT to both Year 4 classes and Madame Evans will be teaching French to all the classes in Years 3 and 4. Mrs Davis will also be teaching spelling and grammar to both Year 3 classes and will be covering PSHE and Citizenship in Year 4. We will be reviewing this at the end of the half term but do expect it to improve the quality of teaching and learning in these subject areas.

Thank you for your continued support and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

