



11th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing at Elstow.

I am writing to let you know about some of the changes in staffing at Elstow; some of which you already are aware of, and some which are new.

Firstly, **Miss Holmes** is leaving to take up a new position with promotion in a Primary school in Buckinghamshire. She has been an important member of both the leadership and the teaching team at Elstow. Her professionalism and high aspirations for our Year 5 pupils has been much valued by children and parents. Her warmth and ability to solve ongoing problems that appear in the normal working life of the school, has been noticeable and has contributed to the success and cohesion of the Upper Key Stage 2 team as a whole. I am delighted at the opportunity she now has to move on into senior school leadership take up an exciting new role. We all will miss her and wish her success and happiness.

Year 5 Willow Tree Class will be taught from September 2019, by **Rosemarie Cope**. The children in the new Willows class will meet her on the transition morning of the 11th July. She is delighted to be joining the Elstow team.

Mrs Quartarone has now returned to Elstow where she continues in Early Years as an HLTA. She is a tremendous Early Years teacher, contributing this year to the highest results achieved by the school. The staff and children have all benefited from her dedication to the progress and attainment of our youngest pupils and we are delighted to have her back.

Robins class will be taught in September by Miss Natasha Beneng, who is delighted to be moving from teaching Y1 to teaching EY. She will be working closely with Mrs Moulam to continue to drive the curriculum in our wonderful Early Years. We say goodbye after only a year to **Mrs Dolling**; she is incredibly sad to go but is taking up a senior leadership position in another area of Bedford. She has been a wonderful teacher in Early Years and we will miss her!

One final change is Y3 Eagles, who will be taught in September by **Katie Clover**. She is new to Bedford and we are delighted to have her on the Elstow team. Miss Orso will be moving to teach Year 1 and has already spent some time getting to know the children.

Both teachers leaving Elstow are doing so for promotion which says a great deal about our approach to this profession and the development of teachers in this school. We are fully staffed for September and pleased to continue to offer the very best primary curriculum we can. We are now oversubscribed and are rapidly gaining a reputation as the best primary school in Bedford; increasingly we have pupils here who live very close to the school which is our ideal situation.

Teachers in Elstow are as follows:

EY	Mrs Moulam Early Years and Phonics Lead Miss Natasha Beneng	
Y1	Miss Giulia Orso Mrs Jo Ricketts	Otters Class (from Owls) Hedgehogs Class (from Robins)
Y2	Miss Hannah Elms Miss Catherine Moranda	Squirrels Class (from Otters) Badgers Class (from Hedgehogs)
Y3	Miss Katie Clover Mrs Jill Capon/(Mr A Crouch)	Eagles Class from Badgers) Hawks Class (from Squirrels)
Y4	Mrs Louise Whiting Maths Lead Mrs Liz Maker Reading Lead/Curriculum Lead	Falcons Class (from Eagles) Kestrels Class (from Hawks)
Y5	Miss Rosemarie Cope Mrs Steph Harding	Willow Trees Class (from Falcons) Beech Trees Class (from Kestrels)
Y6	Miss Sarah Masih Writing Lead Miss Julie Bennett Science Lead	Oak Trees Class (from Willow Trees) Ash Trees Class (from Beech Trees)

HLTA KS2 Mrs Julie Bailey

HLTA EY/KSI Mrs Annaliese Quartarone

Mrs Vicky Maples	Deputy Head Teacher – Inclusion Lead/PSHE Lead
Mrs Sarah Ciantar	Deputy Head Teacher – Teaching and Learning/Achievement/Computing Lead
Miss Sam Baxter	Principal/Music Lead

With very best regards,



Samantha Baxter
Principal