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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share several staffing updates that will take effect after half-term.

Mrs Brooks will now return from maternity leave on **16th November**, working two days a week. This, alongside other recent staffing changes, means I have needed to make some adjustments to teaching arrangements across the school.

Year 1

As Nobel Class parents will already be aware, Mrs Goss has left the school and Mrs Campbell has moved to full-time for the remainder of this term.

I will provide a further update once I have completed the recruitment process and confirmed the teaching arrangements from January onwards.

Year 3

Mrs Humphreys will begin her maternity leave at half-term. With Mrs Brooks returning for two days a week, I have revised my original plans for the class.

Mrs Lynch will increase her usual working pattern to three days a week and when Miss Moody returns from maternity leave, the current plan is for Mrs Lynch and Miss Moody to job-share. This arrangement may change depending on the outcome of our teacher recruitment process currently underway.

Until Miss Moody returns, Mrs Lynch has kindly agreed to teach four days a week, with Ms Archer teaching the class on Fridays.

Mrs Lynch will also attend the majority of appointments at parents' evening. This will help to ensure a smooth handover and give her the opportunity to meet with parents ahead of taking over the class after half-term.

Year 4

Pele Class will be taught by Mrs Brooks on Mondays and by Mrs Staley for the remaining four days of the week.

Year 6

Alcott Class will be taught by Mrs Brooks on Tuesdays, rather than Mrs Staley.

I fully appreciate that changes to class staffing, especially during the school year, can sometimes feel unsettling for both children and parents. Please be assured that these decisions have been carefully considered, with the needs of the children at the heart of the arrangements.

Although there are a number of changes to coordinate, my priority has been to ensure that pupils continue to receive consistent teaching and that transitions between staff are managed as smoothly as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding, patience and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Wartnaby
Headteacher

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