



Monday 25th June 2018

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce that both **Vicky Hillier** and **Sophie Kerin** are expecting babies in the autumn term. Both will return briefly in the September before their maternity leave begins.

As is often the case at this time of year we will be bidding farewell to members of staff who are off to pastures new... **Toby Morgan** leaves us at the end of term to go travelling, following his wedding this summer; while both **Freya McAteer** and **Chloe Lea** have accepted appointments at other schools, taking their careers forward after a successful window of time with us here at Grove. All three will be deeply missed.

We are very pleased to be welcoming several new teachers to the team, so despite some changes we are fully staffed for September.

Becky Rothwell is joining us from George Street Primary in Hemel Hempstead where she is currently a member of the senior leadership team. She will join us as part of the inclusion team and will also be teaching until Vicky Hillier returns from maternity leave.

Jade Rodrigoe joins us in September from Wheatfield Juniors in St Albans and will be taking on the role of KS2 Leader.

Hannah Sheahan and **Ella Higby** will be joining us from Oxford Brookes University. Both Hannah and Ella will be spending time with their new classes in the run up to the end of term.

Meanwhile, **Rachael Harrison** and **Caroline Oakley** will be returning to the Early Years team to cover Sophie Kerin's maternity leave.

I am also delighted that **Becci Aldridge** has agreed to join the team permanently after an excellent term in KS1; and finally **Steph Meedin** will be returning from her maternity leave at the end of this term to spend time with her new class.

All our new members of staff will be at the Open Evening this week so that you can come and put faces to names. They will also all be here for the class swaps on 17th July.

Details of PPA cover and Teaching Assistant allocations will follow before the end of term. We still have a couple of appointments to make, so we can't yet confirm which TAs will be where. We can however reassure you that every year group will have at least two TAs as a minimum. This is a testament to the governors and their understanding of the importance of investing in the right staff and resources to support learning. Many schools are currently having to cut TA allocations so we feel very fortunate to be able to maintain the excellent provision we currently have across the school.

So, that leaves the burning question of who is teaching where and which classes next year...

Class Name 2018/19	New Teacher	Receiving children from...
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Nursery	(Mrs Sophie Kerin until early October) Caroline Oakley/Rachael Harrison—maternity cover	New to school
RLB	Mrs Louise Bowen	Nursery
RKC	Mrs Katie Collins	Nursery
1EH	Miss Ella Higby	RLB
1BA	Mrs Becci Aldridge	RKC
2SO	Miss Sophie O'Leary	1FM
2HS	Miss Hannah Sheahan	1TM
3SM	Miss Sophie Morris	2SO
3MM	Mr Marco Maranzana	2DH
4EC	Mrs Emma Chappell	3MM
4LF	Mr Lloyd Francis	3CL
5SM	Miss Steph Meedin & Mrs Becky Rothwell (<i>until Vicky Hillier returns from maternity leave</i>)	4VH
5RT	Mr Russell Tompkins	4SM
6JR	Miss Jade Rodrigoe	5RT
6MT	Mr Michael Tomkinson	5LF

We look forward to seeing you at Open Evening this week. The children are keen to celebrate their hard work with you and we hope you will take the opportunity to visit all the classes in school, especially the class they will be moving to next year. **New members of staff will be available to meet you in the classrooms of the teacher they will be receiving children from**, so they can be sure to meet you when you come in to look at your child's work and the current class teacher can introduce you. (Jade Rodrigoe will be in 5RT, Ella Higby in RLB and Hannah Sheahan in 1TM) Current staff will be in their current classrooms.


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