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Dear Parents,

At school we are beginning to look towards September and starting to think, even at this very early stage, about what our class structures and organization will be like as well as carefully thinking about the mix of children in each class and how best to meet their needs.

I am writing to inform you that Miss Tregunna will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Many of your children have had the benefit of being taught by Miss T over the years and will therefore know just how brilliant she is! Her calmness, thoroughness and quiet sense of fun (not to mention competitiveness!) will be sorely missed – she has served Stockbridge brilliantly for 10 years, we simply wouldn't be where we are today without her supportive leadership and eye for detail.

Governors and I have met this week to decide on a new structure for our school from September which I am very excited about and proud to lead. I wanted to outline it here so that you have an idea of class structure for your children although I will not be assigning teachers to classes just yet as the recruitment process for 2 new teaching staff is not complete.

Next year we will be organising classes like so:

	Sprat & Winkle	Redbridge	Horsebridge	Mottisfont	Kimbridge	Clatford
am	Year R	Year 1/2	Year 2/3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
pm				Year 4/5		Year 5/6

You'll notice that we have added an extra class in upper school! This is so that the core subjects can be taught to individual year groups in the mornings whilst foundation subject are covered in the afternoons. We have a significant amount of learning need in upper school next year and feel that children, working in small classes of 18-19 in the mornings will be more conducive to children's learning in the core subjects.

In line with other schools locally and with our own needs, we will not be directly replacing Miss T with another 'deputy head'. In a school our size, where the deputy has a full time teaching commitment, it is hard to fully realise the potential of this role and we can have more of an impact on children going forwards by reorganising the classes as above. I will of course still be here as Headteacher and it's likely that we will use the flexibility of the pay structure to create a senior teacher post to support me in good time.

I am keenly aware that there has been a fair amount of staffing change at school recently but this is absolutely to be expected as the pandemic has meant that staff outlooks have changed, many haven't moved for several years as they've remained in schools to support each other through challenging times.

We are in a great place as a school – the leadership extends beyond me to a strong Governing Body, superb subject leads who are passionate about their subject as well as being fantastic teachers and truly excellent support staff. Our results were praised by our HCC learning and leadership partner for being the best she'd seen in all her schools and our children's learning behaviours across the school mean they are making great progress. I will keep you updated on teaching post appointments over the coming months.

Kind regards,



Emma Jefferies
Head teacher

