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Dear Parents & Carers,

CLASS AND STAFFING UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

As we near the end of this academic year I would like to acknowledge what a successful year it has been at Banwell. We have a highly skilled and dedicated staff team who have an unwavering focus on high quality learning and experiences for all children. All of these things come together to make our school a very special and exciting place to be.

Staffing Changes

As you are already aware, Mr Davis will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up his new post as Deputy Headteacher at Windwhistle Primary School. Mrs Kate Evans will be joining us from Locking Primary School as our Assistant Headteacher and will teach for three days a week in Y4/5.

Mrs Rogers will also be leaving Banwell at the end of the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rogers for everything she has done at Banwell and I know that she will be missed by us all. I am delighted to say that Mr Andrew Venn will be returning to us as a teacher from September and will be teaching for two days a week in Y4/5.

Miss Dennett will be taking on the role of SENCo and has already begun meeting with Mr Davis to have a comprehensive handover.

Classes September 2024

We will be continuing with the current class structure in September 2024.

As a school we now have lots of experience in planning for and managing mixed year classes. We are seeing many positives from working in this way and it also provides an opportunity to mix groups of children up. This often means new friendships are established which ultimately leads to wider circles of friends. As we are a small school our teachers already plan closely together but having mixed age classes only strengthens this collaborative work.

The class structure and staffing will be as follows:



Class	Teacher	Class Name	Classroom
Mixed Reception & Year 1	Mrs Bevan	Penguins	Current YR / Y1 classroom
Mixed Year 1 & Year 2	Miss Dockerty	Starfish	Current Y1 / Y2 classroom
Mixed Year 3 & Year 4	Miss Dennett	Dolphins	To be confirmed
Mixed Year 4 & Year 5	Mrs Evans & Mr Venn	Sea Lions	To be confirmed
Year 6	Mr Farmer	Sharks	To be confirmed

We have named the classes after sea creatures this year to continue our animal theme. Having class names helps the children to identify as a group rather than just a year group number.

Classrooms for KS2 have not yet been agreed but I did not want this to hold up releasing the information about class structures and teachers for September. Consideration is being given to projected class sizes as well as rooms that cohorts have already been taught in. This information will be released as soon as it is decided.

Where year groups are split - September 2024 Y1 (current YR) and Y4 cohort (current Y3), parents will receive a separate email informing them which class their child will be in. Teachers looked at the best way to split their classes using a range of factors including friendship groups, social and emotional development, academic capability, date of birth...etc.

The reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children will continue to do a lot of learning together, just as they have done successfully for the last three years. This will include all children having access, at times, to the play based provision. Phonics and maths will often be taught in individual year groups with the adults in these classrooms frequently working across all groups.

Mrs Evans, Miss Dennett and Mr Venn will work closely next year to plan the learning for Y4 children in both classes.

As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Best wishes,



Claire Pocock
Headteacher

