



28th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of this school year and are already busily preparing for the next. There are a few items that we would like to share with parents. Please see below:

Teacher Training Days

There is 1 teacher training day planned for the beginning of the autumn term on the 2nd September. The children will therefore start back on the **3rd September**.

Reports

Reports will be coming home on **Monday 8th July**. There will be an open evening on **Wednesday 10th July** (3.30pm – 4.30pm) for you to have the opportunity to discuss the report should you wish with this year's class teacher or maybe meet next year's teacher. (Appointments are not necessary)

Classes

These are the class teachers for September 2024/25. The children will be meeting their new class teacher on **Wednesday 3rd July**.

Reception	Mrs Gordon, Mrs Fereday, Miss Cooke & Mrs Barker
Year 1	Miss Williams & Miss Routledge
Year 2	Mrs Mortimer & Mrs Shirley
Year 3	Mrs Payne, Mrs Tambar & Mrs Tierney
Year 4	Miss Martin, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Thompson & Mrs Tierney
Year 5	Miss Mills, Miss Pagett & Mrs Billingham
Year 6	Miss Pownall, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Trandafill & Mrs Stone

We have some sad farewells here at Sowe Valley. Maria McDonald who has worked here for 11 years is leaving us to take up a post in a secondary school, she will be sadly missed by all of the staff, the children and I am sure all the many parents she has helped over the years. Miss Nicholson will be doing the SENCO role from September alongside her Deputy Head role.

Another sad farewell is to Kay Lewis who has decided to retire this year. Mrs Lewis has been a part of the Sowe Valley family for 47 years, firstly as a volunteer, then has a midday supervisor and currently as a teaching assistant. She has seen so many children come through Sowe Valley, including many of our parents who were pupils here.

Our final farewell is to Sarah Chappell from the office who many of you see on a daily basis. Mrs Chappell has worked here since 1995 and has also seen so many children come through the school. Mrs Chappell is also retiring to spend more time with her family. We will miss all of these long standing members of staff and hope they will pop in regularly to say hello to us all.

On a happier note, we would like to welcome Mrs Jackson who will be our Year 4 teacher alongside Miss Martin. She will also be our Maths lead. Another welcome to Miss Williams who will be our Year 1 teacher. We have also appointed 3 new teaching assistants, Miss Cooke for Reception, Miss Routledge for Year 1 and Mrs Stone who will be a 1:1 teaching assistant. I am sure you will make these new members of staff very welcome as they join us in September.

We would like to thank you for all your support. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and hope that this information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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