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Dear families,

Staffing update

As we look towards the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to share some staffing news with you.

Firstly, we will be saying goodbye to two valued members of our team.

Miss Helen Burgess, Learning Support Assistant, will be retiring at the end of this term. Over the years, Miss Burgess has supported countless children and helped them to grow in confidence. Her kindness and patience have made a lasting difference to many pupils and we truly wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Sarah Axton, who is relocating and moving on to an exciting new role as a caseworker for a local MP. As class teacher, Mrs Axton has made an enormous contribution to our school community. Over the past ten years, she has been an instrumental member of our team and will be greatly missed by families and staff alike. Mrs Axton's dedication and commitment have helped many children to thrive, both personally and academically, and the progress they make reflects the care and hard work she invests in them every day. We wish her every success for the future.

Alongside these farewells, I am pleased to share some exciting news about a new appointment.

We are delighted to welcome Mr James Bayliss to our teaching team from September. Many of our children already know Mr Bayliss well, and we are particularly proud that he is someone we have effectively "grown" within our school community. Mr Bayliss first joined Winscombe as a sports coach before becoming a Learning Support Assistant whilst studying for his degree in Education. This year, he has successfully completed his teacher training through the Wessex Learning Trust and has received consistently positive feedback throughout the programme.

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Mr Bayliss brings enthusiasm, commitment and a strong understanding of our school values and ethos. Having worked with our children over a number of years, he already has excellent relationships across the school, and we are delighted that he will be continuing his journey with us as a qualified teacher.

With changes in mind, I am sharing our revised class structure for September. Next Tuesday 23rd June, all children will have the opportunity to visit their new teachers during a move-up afternoon.

Class	Teaching staff for September
Silver Birch	Mrs Crawshaw and Mrs Travetti
Walnut	Mrs Molina (Mon) and Mrs Pemberton
Oak	Mrs Perry and Mrs Collery
Linden	Miss Humphrey
Ash	Mr Bayliss and Mrs Molina (Tues)
Maple	Mrs Booth
Sycamore	Miss Dewey

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Burgess and Mrs Axton for their dedicated service to our school and in wishing them every success and happiness for the future. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming Mr Bayliss to his new role and to the contribution he will make to our school in the years ahead.

Kind regards,

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