



27th June 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we move towards the end of the school year, I would like to thank you for all of your support for the school. It has been a pleasure to see our Ashford children achieving so well, and we have enjoyed sharing the progress the children have made with you.

Who is my child's new teacher?

This morning the children have had the opportunity to 'move up' to meet their new teacher and spend some time in their new classroom. They have had an exciting time looking ahead to all that they will be learning next year! I am writing to you today to share with you the details of our teaching team for next year. Attached to this letter is an overview of all of our classes and their teachers for 2022 /23.

What changes are there to the staff team?

We are delighted to have a strong teaching team for next year and we are pleased to be welcoming two new teachers to this team. Mrs O' Brien will be teaching in year 1 and Mrs Dearman will be teaching in year 3. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the ACE team. We also have two new teaching assistants joining our team: Miss Fabian and Miss Pyke. Whilst we welcome the new members joining our team, it is also a time for us to bid farewell to some members of staff. Miss Orton is leaving us to extend her teaching experience in another school and Miss Knox is moving to a school which is closer to home. We will miss them and wish them both all the very best for their next chapters.

From our support staff team, Mrs Steer is retiring from her role of teaching assistant and Mrs Harries is leaving her ELSA role as she will be relocating. We would like to thank them both for their service to our school over many years and wish them well for their future plans.

Forthcoming school events – dates for your diary.

I would also like to remind you of these events which I hope you will be able to join us for. On Thursday this week we will be holding our Sports Day with Junior events in the morning and Infants in the afternoon. Friday is a time for us to come together for our 'ACE FEST' Summer Fayre from 6pm to 9pm, please do join us as there are many fun activities planned which will support our wonderful PTA in fundraising for the school.

Year 6 parents have received separate letters with information about the year 6 production and leavers service which are both wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate our children before they start their next adventures at secondary school.

We will also be inviting you in for our open afternoons in the coming weeks where you can spend some time in class with your child to celebrate their learning from this year. Further details and dates for these sessions will be shared shortly.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all of our staff who have worked so hard to ensure a good year for our children. I am also extremely grateful to you as parents for the support you have offered us as a community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Bailey
Headteacher Designate