

●●● Welcome Back Everyone

Hello everyone, what a lovely week back we had last week with the children settling superbly into the final half term of the year. Blink and you'll have missed this year as it just flies by. All teachers are now heading in to report writing time and it is a time that fills them with immense pride and emotion as they reflect on the wonderful year your children have had. Please take the time to read the few messages I have for you all this week and have a lovely week...sports days are coming so fingers crossed for sunshine. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks.

Staffing and Class Plans for 2017-2018 ●●●

It is this time of the year that is the busiest in terms of organising classes and staffing plans for September. We actually start to plan our classes for the following year as early as January. We have several changes to staffing and new teachers arriving. I have shown below which class and which teacher your child will be with next year. I will start by announcing who is leaving us at the end of the year.

Mrs Stapleton-Carroll - After 9 years at Dee Point Mrs Stapleton Carroll will be leaving this Summer. She has enjoyed her time here and will miss working with the children, families and staff at our school. **Miss Turner** - After 7 years at Dee Point, Miss Turner is moving on to Tattenhall Primary School where she will be teaching a Year 2 class. **Miss James** - Miss James is moving across the water to Ireland where she is hoping to continue to teach near to Dublin.

We will of course give all of these teachers a warm send off before they leave but I wanted to let you all know so you can see the staffing plans for September.

| Current Class | Class Next Year | Teacher |
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| Starting Nursery in September | Saturn | Miss Carter |
| Saturn | Mars | Mrs Seddon / Mrs Rowland |
| | Jupiter | Miss Rennie |
| Mars | Earth | Miss Fellows |
| Jupiter | Moon | Miss Spalvieri |
| Moon | Venus | Mrs Wignall |
| Earth | Mercury | Miss Jones |
| Mercury | Pluto | Mrs Lawrence |
| Venus | Neptune | Miss Brothwood |
| Pluto | Europa | Miss Elgerton |
| Neptune | Ariel | Miss Lewis |
| Europa | Oberon | Miss Griffiths |
| Ariel | Titania | Miss Blezard |
| Oberon | Triton | Miss Jones |
| Titania | Hyperion | Mrs Wright |

Staffing & Class Plans continued...

As you can see we have several new teachers arriving in school as well as some familiar faces returning. Don't worry about your children having to meet new staff as we will be having transition days on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July, where the children will get to meet their new teachers. So Miss Carter, who will be covering Nursery, as Miss Grant starts her maternity leave at the end of this week, will meet the children soon, along with Miss Rennie in Reception and then Miss Jones and Mrs Wignall in Year 2. Also we finally have a full school in September with 2 Year 6 classes and our spare classroom being used. Our new Year 6 teacher working alongside Miss Jones is Mrs Wright. We also have a new key stage leader who will be supporting Mr Bennett and Miss Bowler in leading Key Stage 1, her name is Rachel Jones and she spent the day at Dee Point last Friday and can't wait to get started. You will also notice that Mrs Seddon will be returning from her maternity leave to join Reception. She will be working 3 days a week alongside Mrs Rowland as they share Mars class next year. I hope this all makes sense everyone, please feel free to come and discuss any of the changes with me.

Support for Parents Re: latest terror attacks

I hope you don't mind me writing to you in relation to the recent terror attacks that have happened in both London and Manchester. It is a very difficult time for us all as we try to come to terms with it and also try to keep normality for the children as well as supporting them when they ask the inevitable questions in relation to this. I wanted to pass on to you some useful links that may support you in dealing with questions from your children from a number of national charities, these include:

- NSPCC guidance on [Supporting Children worried about terrorism](#)
- Young Minds advice on [Talking to young people about traumatic events](#)
- BBC Newsround has a child friendly account <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38949047>
- MindEd free resources on young people's mental health <https://www.minded.org.uk/>



Sex & Relationship Education in School (SRE)

During the Summer Term, we spend some time teaching the children SRE in school. This is taught at an age appropriate level and deals primarily with the importance of relationships and friendships. You will have received a letter from classteachers regarding the content of this programme, however please feel free to meet with teachers if you have any concerns or if you want to be much clearer about what the school is teaching the children. You have the right to withdraw your child from these lessons if necessary but I would encourage all parents and carers to speak with myself before you do this.

Health Survey Opinions

We have been asked by Healthwatch to gather your views, please see the following: Healthwatch are the local consumer champion for health and care services in Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester. We collect comments from local people and look at information about how well local services are performing. We then produce reports which we share with the people who have the power to make changes to services. Please follow the link below to give your views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R33XTJS>

healthwatch
Cheshire West



...And Finally

Thanks everyone, lots of information for you all here. I look forward to seeing many Reception parents this week for Sports Day on Tuesday. I'm sure you will all also join me in wishing Miss Grant the very best of luck as she starts her maternity leave on Friday. Fingers crossed she gets some time to put her feet up first. Have a lovely week everyone. Kind regards

Dave Williams
(Headteacher)