



21st June 2017

### UPAW Transition

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's that time of year when we start to think about the next academic year and everyone gets excited about meeting their new teacher!

I can happily share with you the class teachers for September:

Reception	Mrs Turtle
Year 1	Mrs Simister/Mrs Buck
Year 2	Mrs Thornhill/Mrs Hardman
Year 3	Mrs Birch
Year 4/5 (FA)	Miss Armstrong
Year 4/5 (CV)	Mr Varnom
Year 6	Mrs Ferrari

You will see from the above list that there are a couple of new names! Mrs Buck is joining us part time, however she is a new permanent teacher to the team. Additionally Miss Armstrong is joining us who will also be a permanent member of staff. She has spent the last few years working at UPAK (my previous school) and is really looking to joining the UPAW team!

You will also notice two Year 4/5 classes. I have decided that the current Year 3 and Year 4 classes are going to be combined and split to make **two new classes**. Many schools have mixed classes (as UPAW have done previously too). I think it is the right time for these children to be able to develop new friendship groups as they move into the next academic year. If you have any questions about this then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or myself.

#### Transition

September is always such a big change for the children, and therefore we will be introducing some classes to their new teacher week commencing the 26<sup>th</sup> June. This is what we call a transition period which gives the new teachers (where possible) a great opportunity to start to work with their new class.

<b>Reception</b>	Will remain with Mrs Turtle, Mrs Simister will start to spend extended periods of time with the children over the coming weeks as well as the three move up mornings: <b>12<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> July.</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	Will remain with Mrs Simister and Mrs Hardman. Mrs Hardman will focus particularly on getting ready for Year 2.
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Birch will be teaching Year 2 full time apart from two afternoons a week. This will allow Mrs Birch to spend some time with her old class until the end of term. This will ensure that the children settle into a consistent routine with their new teacher ready for September.
<b>Year 3 / 4 (FA)</b>	Mrs Thornhill and Mr Thornley will teach the new Y3/4 class preparing them for September. Miss Armstrong (FA) will also come to teach them as much as possible during this period of transition; however she is still a teacher at UPAK until September.
<b>Year 3 / 4 (CV)</b>	Mr Varnom (CV) will teach this new class and work on team building skills and getting ready for September.
<b>Year 5</b>	Mr Smith will continue to teach Year 5.
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Ferrari will continue to teach Year 6 and Year 5 in their preparation for Year 6.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sarah Titterton  
Head of School

