



'Inspire'

16th June 2022

September School Staffing

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to keep you up to date regarding some changes that we will be making to the staffing structure at school as of September.

At Arkholme the governing body have always been committed to maintaining a four-class structure, with two-year groups per class, which has not always been easy to maintain with stretched budgets and lower pupil numbers.

In 2020, following the pandemic, we made the financial commitment to split the year 1 and year 2 (KS1) pupils for the mornings, so that we could provide targeted learning for those children who had missed the foundations of all future learning. We recognise the benefit of this, and appreciate that we are still facing some challenges following the pandemic. With this in mind, we have made the financial commitment to continue to split the KS1 pupils for three mornings per week.

We have been delighted to have Mrs. Hamer teaching our year 1 children, however she no longer wishes to continue with her teaching commitment. So, we are thrilled that she will be joining Kingfisher Class as their Teaching Assistant!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Gemma James, who will be joining us as our new Year 1/KS1 teacher, working alongside Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. James will be coming into school this Friday, to start planning with Mrs. Whitaker, and to say hello to the children. She will also be joining us on our residential to Brathay.

Very sadly, we will also be saying good bye to Mrs. Waddington at the end of term. Katy, has been a tremendous asset to our school, and she is going to be very greatly missed! We are currently advertising for a new person to run our school office.

We are also currently advertising for additional Teaching Assistant hours to support in Key Stage 2. If you know of any people who may be interested in these posts, please direct them to the Lancashire County Council jobs website, or to have an informal chat with me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Joy Ingram
Headteacher