

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised I am writing to you to explain the plans we have in place for Year 6 for the rest of the school year.

At the meeting I explained that sadly Mrs Woodhart would be leaving us at Easter and that we had been actively trying to recruit a teacher by advertising, seeking a high quality applicant from an agency or seconding a teacher from another school who perhaps had a member of staff with capacity for the summer term. Unfortunately due to the recruitment crisis nationally and in this area we have not been able to find a candidate who meets our high expectations of skills and experience.

We have thought about the situation carefully and have decided, along with our Governing Body, that Mr Gresswell will take over being class teacher until the end of this academic year. Whilst this is not ideal because of the impact on our Leadership Team and the School Improvement journey that we are on, our children always come first and we feel that ensuring that they have a high quality class teacher for the last term is the most important thing.

Mr Gresswell has a good knowledge of the children having taught them for part of last year and is also our Assessment and Raising Standards Leader so he has a very good knowledge of the SATs and the end of Key Stage assessments. As previously mentioned he is also our leader for Offsite Activities and so will be leading the Residential and the Leavers' Trip.

In relation to SATs do please look out for the information from him about the Year 6 SATs meeting which is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45 pm.**

We thank you for all your support and please do not hesitate to come and talk to Mr Gresswell, Mrs Khan or myself if you have any questions or queries.

Regards

Alison Fox

Headteacher