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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reports/New Classes

Along with planning and delivering all the exciting end of year learning and activities, class teachers have been busy writing end of year reports. Ideally, we would want to have these written and sent to you by the end of June. However, reports must wait until teachers have all end of year assessment data available to them. Report packs will be sent home on Wednesday this week. With the report, you will also receive attendance and other performance data where applicable. As written in the report, please do contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the pack sent home and do send back the comments form please.

Within the pack, you will also receive confirmation of your child's class/teacher for the next academic year. Throughout the last term, many discussions have taken place between staff with regards to class organisation. I am pleased to say that there will be no changes to the class structure next year (see below). All children are also supported by other staff during their learning and unstructured times. We will be welcoming Mrs Smith and Mrs Pfadenhauer as support/admin staff respectively from September. Mrs Freeman will also be continuing her role as Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). As you will already know, we are one of just three PDET schools to be oversubscribed from September which is down to all the hard work from the staff, children and the whole Cottingham CofE community. We do still have places available in year 2 and year 5 from September so please share that information with friends and family.

Class Name	Year	Teacher	Support Staff	Admin/Lunchtime
Willow Class	YR/Y1	Mrs Delo	Miss Paterson Mrs Ferguson Mrs Nicholson	Mrs Southcombe Mrs Pfadenhauer Mrs Celebicanin
Ash Class	Y1/Y2	Mrs Wilson		
Oak Class	Y3/Y4	Miss Hurn	Mrs Baker Mrs Smith	
Beech Class	Y4/Y5	Mrs Lloyd		
Hawthorn Class	Y5/Y6	Mrs Wason		

When deciding upon classes for children, several considerations are addressed and taken into account. New EYFS starters (YR) automatically go into Willow, year 2 (Y2) children into Ash, year 3 (Y3) into Oak whilst children in year 6 (Y6) will enjoy their last year in Hawthorn class. Depending on numbers in future years, the class structure could and may well change.


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As you know, we do have mixed age classes. Many schools have a similar approach, and we believe it is managed well at our school. It does mean that we must mix children of different ages. For example, from September 2022, we have on roll 20, year 1 children. Due to infant class sizes being capped at 30, we must place this age group into both Ash and Willow class. Mrs Delo and Mrs Wilson then propose the most suitable structure based on; *birth date, progress, maturity, behaviour, adult support and in some cases friendships*. Due to our offer of continuous provision from YR-Y2, all children still have access to the whole area of learning that is available both inside and out which as you know is a very special feature that we offer. The children are also taught the relevant curriculum/objectives for their year group by either Mrs Delo or Mrs Wilson along with other staff at times throughout the week. For example, Mr Stafford and Mrs Rutter will teach PE/Computing to the different year groups. This has worked well with the children benefitting from the provision and different staff input and expertise. We never use the terms 'moving up' or 'staying back' when deciding upon classes.

The same information goes for children in KS2. Decisions upon classes again being made based on several factors as above. Also, this year, we introduced single year teaching for several subjects. This has worked well and will be continued for the foreseeable future. Where classes are taught as mixed ages, we do offer a rolling programme, over a number of years, ensuring that all children receive the relevant, age-appropriate learning during their school years. We do have some flexibility in KS2 (Y3-6) as year groups can exceed 20 and classes can exceed 30 depending upon space. As of September, all our classes remain under 30. Again, if you have any questions regarding your child's class/teacher for next year please communicate with your child's current class teacher who will be able to share the reasoning behind any class movement.

Please only contact class teachers if you would like to receive further information regarding your **own** child's new class. Unless for exceptional circumstances, the class structure as it stands will be in place from September with no further movement at this time. In year admissions, where spaces are available, do happen but that will not affect your child's class placement for September. I hope this information helps you to understand what is involved in deciding class structures. Along with the new class information, we will share details about two transition days that I am sure the children will look forward to and enjoy. This will also include an opportunity for you to 'meet and greet' your child's new teacher at the end of the day on Tuesday 19th July.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)

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