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Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't quite believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us! The time has flown so quickly. With this in mind, the children will be experiencing their transition (or 'move up') day on **Wednesday 3rd July**. I wanted to share some staffing updates with you ahead of this date.

With sadness, I need to inform you that Miss Hilson and Mrs Pandor will be leaving us at the end of term. Both of these members of the teaching team have worked tirelessly during their time with us, to ensure they give the children of St James the very best. They will both be missed dearly. We wish lots of luck to Mrs Pandor who takes up the role of deputy headteacher at another Bolton School in September and we wish Miss Hilson all the best with her future endeavours.

The local authority has accepted an offer we submitted to take in extra pupils within the Year 5 and 6 cohorts. This means we will have an extra class in UKS2. To accommodate this, we are currently planning to have a mobile classroom installed on our playground for Year 5 pupils. I am sure you can appreciate that this is a work in progress, and we will provide updates when we have them. We have planned our classes for next year's UKS2 according to this plan – if this were to change we will inform you as soon as we are able.

We are pleased to welcome some new teachers to our school next year. Miss Mohammed and Miss Costello, who were both student teachers with us, have successfully been appointed to join our teaching team. We have also appointed another teacher Mr Mitchell, who is currently based at another school within our Trust, to join our school. Miss Collins, who is one of our Higher-Level Teaching Assistants, has also successfully been appointed to our teaching team. Miss Casserley, who is on maternity leave, will be covered by Miss Symonds – who is currently our Class 4 teacher on long-term supply.

Next year our classes will be taught by the following staff:

Class	Key	Year	Staff
	Stage	Group	
Little Saints	EYFS	Nursery	Miss Emma, Miss Ashley, Miss Abbey
Nursery	EYFS	Nursery	Mrs Finch
Class 1	EYFS	Reception	Mrs Whitton
Class 2	EYFS	Reception	Mrs Pilling
Class 3	KS1	Year 1	Miss Jama
Class 4	KS1	Year 1&2	Miss Muhammad
Class 5	KS1	Year 2	Mrs Parkinson





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Class 6	LKS2	Year 3&4	Mr Mitchell
Class 7	LKS2	Year 3&4	Miss Symonds (Covering Miss Casserley)
Class 8	LKS2	Year 3&4	Miss Thomas
Class 9	UKS2	Year 5	Miss Costello
Class 10	UKS2	Year 5	Mr Hannon
Class 11	UKS2	Year 6	Miss Collins
Class 12	UKS2	Year 6	Miss Craven

In preparation for next year, we have decided to organise our lower key stage 2 classes differently. We have decided to have three mixed classes of year 3 and 4.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Belfield Headteacher

