



# Earls Barton Primary School

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Dear Parents

I am sure your child will be keen to tell you about the time they have spent in their new class today and who their new teacher is.

## Staffing

Due to nationally recognised recruitment difficulties in the teaching profession it has taken until this week to be able to actually finalise our staffing arrangements for the next academic year. Inevitably as people progress in their careers there are changes to make you aware of. We are pleased to tell you that Mrs Loomes has been appointed as our sole Deputy Head and, due to the scope of this role, will no longer have a class responsibility. This is the same for Mrs Clarke who is taking on the role of Inclusion and Pastoral manager across the school. Mrs O'Connor concludes her year secondment with us and we thank her for her impact on school improvement in KS2. We congratulate her on securing a headship within the county. Other leavers are: Mrs Turner who has decided to retire and so will not return in September; Mrs Taylor, Mrs Godfrey and Miss Hussain who are moving on to teach in other settings. We wish them well in their future careers whilst thanking them for all they have done for the school.

Joining us to continue our journey of improvement we feel extremely fortunate to have been able to appoint three very experienced teachers to our team: Mrs Holdsworth in KS1; Mr England and Mr Stockham in KS2.

Your child will bring home a slip tonight letting you know who their teacher is going to be.

## Class Identity

In EYFS and KS1 classes have had animal names in the past whereas in KS2 classes have been known by teacher initials. Becoming a Primary School has prompted us to consider how we can cascade class names throughout all key phases from September. We have decided to choose a new theme to follow rather than animals and so all classes have been given the name of a plant. Small flowering plants in EYFS through to large strong trees in year 6. Children will have been doing some work today to create a personal identity for their new class based on their given class name. Please ask your child which plant their class is named after.

Your child's teacher (existing staff only) would like the opportunity to meet you informally and provide you with the opportunity to see your child's new classroom on Thursday 13 July 3.40 – 4pm. Please collect your child in the normal way before entering school through the main entrance of the appropriate building at 3.40pm. Your child can then direct you to the correct room where their teacher will be waiting to chat to you.

For those children who have new staff as their teachers there will be a similar opportunity on Tuesday 5 September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shacklady  
Headteacher