



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery

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Dear WFIS & Nursery Parents and Carers,

Staffing update and new class teaching teams from September 2021 - July 2022

As we move towards the end of the summer term, we are writing to inform you about some forthcoming staff changes and to announce the teaching teams for each year group in the new academic year (September 2021). It goes without saying that this has been yet another extraordinary year in terms of lockdowns and restrictions as a result of the global pandemic, and as we look ahead to September, we are absolutely confident that each year group has an incredibly strong team of staff. We are really pleased to say, and are sure that you as parents will appreciate, that overall we have a very stable staffing structure in place in terms of both teachers and assistant teachers, and we are continuing with our Early and Late Birds catch-up programmes to support identified child/ren when they return after the summer holidays.

Staffing changes

Firstly, as often is the case at this time of year, it is time to say a fond farewell to those existing staff who are moving on to pastures new and also a warm welcome to incoming staff from September!

It is tinged with much sadness that we say a very fond farewell and good luck to **Mrs Laura Brown**, our current Co Deputy Head, at the end of this academic year. As many of you may know, Mrs Brown has been with the school in various professional roles since 2005, but has now decided that the time is right for her to take a short career break in order to spend more time with her family (including her new puppy)! We are sure you would like to join us in thanking Mrs Brown for all her amazing hard work, commitment and dedication to WFIS & Nursery over her many years of service.

In view of this change, we have decided to restructure our **Senior Leadership Team's roles and responsibilities** and as soon as we have finalised these arrangements we will of course let you know.

In terms of other staff leaving the school, **Mrs Christina Lane**, who has been with the school for a number of years and recently returned from maternity leave to teach in Year 2, has taken the decision to leave the teaching profession so that she can spend time with her two young children, alongside a new part time administrative role. We do hope that Mrs Lane will return to us when the time is right and we all wish her well for the future! Similarly, **Miss Aimee Selfe**, who is currently on maternity leave, has decided not to return to her full time position at Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery in September. Miss Selfe has recently accepted a part time teaching position just 5 minutes from her home enabling her to spend more time with her baby son. We wish Miss Selfe the very best of luck in her new role! We also say a fond farewell to **Miss Emily Cann**, who joined us as a newly qualified teacher in Year 2 in September 2020. Miss Cann has successfully passed her NQT year and recently secured a teaching position within a London school, much closer to her new home!

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In terms of new teaching staff, we are absolutely delighted to confirm that this year's cohort of trainee teachers have accepted positions as *Early Career Teachers* (previously known as Newly Qualified Teachers or NQTs) with us from September 21. **Miss Ilayda Barker** (currently working in Reception) will join our Reception team as class teacher in Butterfly class, and **Mrs Esme Holmes** (currently working in Year 2) will join the Year 2 team as class teacher in Kingfisher class.

The Department for Education have recently updated the induction programme for *Early Career Teachers* with a new two-year programme for those starting out in the profession and both teachers will be expertly mentored by our Assistant Head during their respective induction periods.

In terms of our staff who support teachers in the classroom, **Miss Gaby Mayle**, currently a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Eco Lead at the school, will be undertaking her final year of teacher training and will be employed as a Trainee Teacher in Year 2. We would like to wish Miss Mayle the best of luck in her final year of studies! In Shining Stars Nursery, **Miss Katie Marman**, who is currently an apprentice Assistant Teacher, has decided not to pursue a career in early years' education and leaves us at the end of July for pastures new. We also say goodbye to **Mrs Anna Sikora** who is currently an Assistant Teacher in Reception as she moves onto a new role within a local primary school.

Teaching Teams for 2020-21

Current class teachers have completed a rigorous process of splitting the children into their new classes for Year 1 and Year 2. We are delighted to be able to announce the classes for the new academic year along with the class teachers and confirmed members of the support team.

New Class for September 2021	Class teacher/s	Additional Adults
Owl Class (Year 2)	Mrs Anne-Marie Nicholson Miss Gaby Mayle (Trainee Teacher)	Miss Faye Fanthorpe
Kingfisher Class (Year 2)	Mrs Esme Holmes	Ms Hilary Walker
Badger Class (Year 1)	Miss Megan Steeper	Miss Annemarie Croxson (AM only) Mr Nathan Yeates
Hedgehog Class (Year 1)	Miss Theresa Russell	Miss Maria Townsend TBA
Butterfly Class (Reception)	Miss Ilayda Barker	Mrs Trish Wadey Miss Hanna Botting

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Bumblebee Class (Reception)	Miss Megan Davies	Miss Laura Grover Miss Annemarie Croxson (PM only) Ms Justine Berry (p/t)
Big Stars (Silver & Gold)	Miss Hannah Barron Mrs Nicolette Dave	Miss Sarah Gaskin Miss Fran Capanna Miss Nicola Richens Miss Kelly Tibbs
Little Stars	Miss Hannah Barron	Miss Hatty St John Miss Sophie Grimshaw Mrs Sarah Gaskin Miss Barton White/Mrs Zoe Culver Miss Fran Capanna

We are also fortunate to have Mrs Julie Luck, our dedicated Music Teacher, who works across the school, as well as a number of key support staff including Mrs Debbie Binns (HLTA/Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Ms Lisa Mak (Assistant Teacher for whole school intervention). Miss Annabel Langley, currently class teacher in Year 2 and English Lead, will be moving over to oversee our Reception team and support with implementation of the new Early Years curriculum.

Reception and Key Stage 1 teachers will be meeting in the coming week to handover to the new class teachers. We are sure you will be pleased to hear that as part of our transition plans, children who are moving in to Year 1 and Year 2 will spend a morning in their new class meeting their new teacher/s and having the opportunity to get better acquainted with their new classroom and school friends.

At WFIS & Nursery, we are committed to ensuring the very highest levels of achievement for all our children and we can therefore confirm that we will continue to provide focussed catch up sessions such as our successful Early and Late Birds intervention groups for identified children in the new academic year.

Finally, we are sure that you will want to join us in extending our thanks and gratitude to all of our valued staff members for the unique contributions that they have made to the Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery team this year. We are extremely proud of the way in which that they have risen to multiple challenges in the last year, and we know that as we move in to the new academic year, we can continue to depend on their hard work and dedication in working tirelessly for the benefit of the children and families at the school.

Kindest regards,

Miss Nicky Mann

Mr Jamie Hallums

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