



Dorchester Primary School

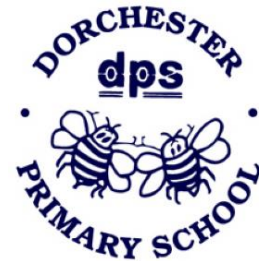
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Thursday 6th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Transition Arrangements & Staffing

Firstly, thank you to those that have managed to attend your child's sports day this year. It was great to see so many of you there, cheering your child on. We hope you found the changes we made to the logistics of it much better – you asked us last year for more time so your child could take part in more events, and that's what we did.

Staffing

We have finalised our staffing arrangements for next year and these are listed in the table below. As you can see, we are moving away from having three mixed-age classes in a phase, to only having one. This has been based on the research we have carried out, as well as the feedback from staff about how it has worked this year. Placing children in classes is never easy, and there are so many factors we have to consider, such as friendships, maturity and the support staff available in the classroom.

Class	Phase Leader	Teacher(s)	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs Horsham	Mrs Rippin / Miss Steels	Mrs Fullard / Miss Moody
Reception		Mrs Lucas (Miss Townsend)	
Year 1P	Mrs Horsham	Mrs Platten	Mrs Weldon / Mrs Sizer / Miss Short
Year 1/2W		Miss White	
Year 2FP		Mrs Pullen / Miss Fletcher	
Year 3N	Mrs Robinson	Miss Nassau	Mrs Cook / Mrs Everett / Mrs Watson
Year 3/4P		Mrs Patrick	
Year 4R		Mrs Robinson	
Year 5EP	Mrs Tee	Miss Ede / Mrs Powell	Mrs Crosby / Mrs Lowthorpe / Mrs Graves / Miss Joyce / Mrs Kerry
Year 5H		Mr Hamilton (Mrs Jackson)	
Year 6T		Mrs Tee	
Year 6P		Mr Prendergast	
Hive	Mrs Chironda	Miss Ashton	Mrs Laud / Mrs Young / Ms Harries

It is also that time of year where we have to say goodbye to some staff, who are moving on to new adventures. This year, we say goodbye to Mrs Hallett and Mrs Long, who have worked tirelessly in our Hive, supporting our children to make really good progress. We also say goodbye to Mrs Beech and Miss Smith, who have worked across our year 1/2 phase for the past year. They have been amazing and have



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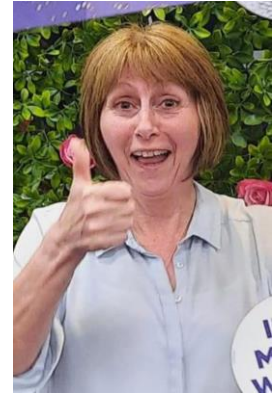
really helped our children. We would like to thank them all and wish them the best of luck in their next roles.

We are also saying goodbye to a very special member of our school, who is retiring this year after twenty-eight years of working at Dorchester.

Mrs Rodmell has worked with so many children and more than likely some of you, when you attended Dorchester. She has been a fantastic member of our team, starting her journey as a Teaching Assistant and progressing to a Senior Achievement Support Assistant.

I know that many children and staff will be very sad to see her leaving but will take pride in the many memories they have made with her over the years.

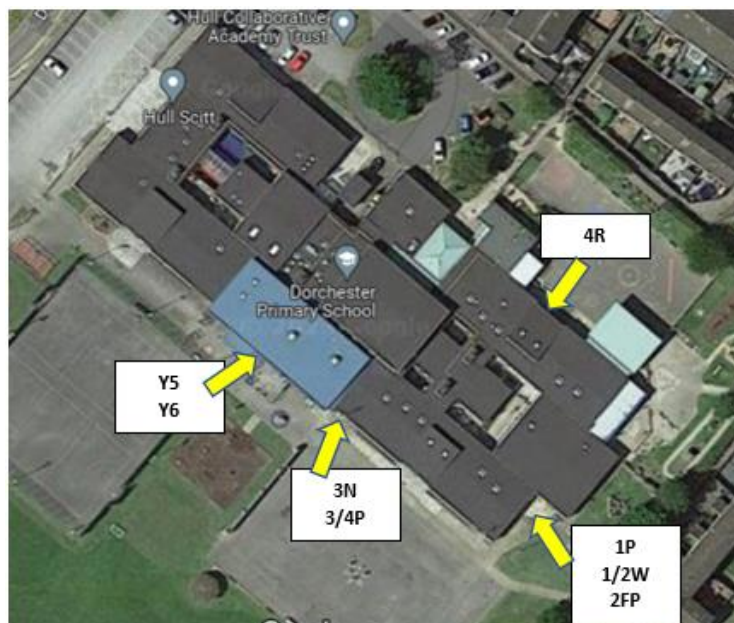
We all wish Mrs Rodmell a wonderful (and hopefully very relaxing) retirement and we thank her immensely for the unwavering support she has given to so many of our children over such a long period!



Transition Week

As you will be aware from previous communications, our children will move into their new classrooms and spend time with their new teacher for the whole week next week, as part of their transition. So that children are familiar with the routines ready for September, they will be entering and exiting the building through their new door as follows:

- Nursery and Reception to come in their normal doors.
- 1P, 1/2W and 2FP through the doors near to the KS1 climbing frame and the flower bed.
- 3N and 3/4P through the doors next to the HIVE fencing.
- 4R through the door on the KS1 playground.
- Years 5 and 6 will come in through the door opposite the MUGA.



You should receive your child's report tomorrow, which will also let you know who their class teacher is for next year. The only exception to this will be our current year 6s, as we need to await the results of their SATs tests before sending out reports. If your child is in year 6, they will receive their report on Monday 17th July.

There will be plenty of staff out on the playgrounds on Monday so if you are unsure of where to take your child, please just ask.



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I wish you a lovely weekend and hopefully, the warm weather will return for us!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stuart Mills'.

Stuart Mills
Headteacher



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