

Updated!

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of a few changes to our staffing team for next year.

Staffing Changes

We have the great privilege of welcoming Mrs Carrie Lauchlan (Year 6/Upper School Team Leader), Miss Jenna Bowman (Year 3/Middle School Team Leader, alongside Mrs Potts), Miss Louise Keeling (Year 2) and Miss Selina Crumbie (Year 4), who join our team as members of the teaching staff.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rachel Field (Year R team) as a trainee teacher. New to roles in school will be; Mrs Louise Spiers (Outdoor Learning Lead), Mrs Jackie Mummery (Librarian) and Mrs Michelle Potts (Sports Clubs Lead). We are also glad to see Mr Leslie Taylor continue in his role as Academic Mentor, supporting children across the school.

As we welcome staff, others have to say goodbye. Miss Stonehouse (Year 2) is moving onto a new teacher role in another school. We wish her all the very best in the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bonnie Amos who has been working with our Year R children. Thank you both for all you have done at Kingsnorth. We would also like to thank Miss Amy Andrews for the incredible work she has done across the school this year.

We also have changes to our site team. We will say goodbye to Mr Clifton-Dey during the summer and wish him the very best in his new career. He will be replaced by Mr Dan Rolfe (Site Manager) who will be working very closely with Mr Jon Clarke our new Lettings Officer.

Other changes see Mrs Makinde come to the end of her time with us and we congratulate on the birth of her baby girl! We wish them both the very best wishes for the future. We also welcome a baby boy for Mrs Becky Childs (Year 4) and we say goodbye to Mrs Zoe Ray (Breakfast Club) who is expecting a baby during the summer. Mrs Rachael Knight is also expecting a baby in January. She will supporting in classes across the school next year. We say congratulations to Miss Carly Ciantar who is getting married in the summer and will return as Mrs Mynard.

We wish all our new staff (and babies) a very warm welcome to the Kingsnorth family and hope you get to meet them after the summer break.

Reports

Reports were sent home Friday 07 July. This Monday we had an 'open classroom' session afterschool. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend. It was lovely seeing the children direct parents/carers around the school and taking you to their new classrooms. Hopefully you now know where to drop them off and collect them each afternoon!

End of year activities

Thank you so much to all those who have helped with the array of activities in the recent weeks, especially staff and PFA! Starting back with the Fun Run and Sports Day, school trips and residentials for Year 4 and Year 6, PFA with Frozen Fridays and the Year 6 Leavers Party, Year 6 Production (which was awesome!) and the Leavers Service and Year 6 picnic.

None of these events are quick and easy to arrange! They take many hours of people's own time and a huge amount of energy. On behalf of **all** of the children at Kingsnorth – Thank-you!

Classes for next year

Your Current Class	Your New Class
New Year R intake grouped following recommendations and suggestions from Pre Schools	RG – Mrs Green – Shireen
	RB - Miss Bate – Jeffers
RCA Mrs Amos and Miss Ciantar – Shireen	Children from Year R have been mixed into 2 classes: Mrs Amos – Donaldson and Mrs Maund – Gray
RB Miss Bate – Jeffers	
1A Mrs Amos – Donaldson	2H – Mrs Hunt – Byron
1M Mrs Maund – Gray	2K – Miss Keeling – Dahl
2H Mrs Hunt – Bryon	3B – Miss Bowman – Blackman
2S Miss Stonehouse – Dahl	3G – Miss Gore – Percival
3G Miss Gore – Percival	4C – Miss Crumbie – Riordan
3Gr Mrs Green – Blackman	4MP – Mrs Mynard/Mrs Potts – Coelho
4K Mrs Knight - Riordan	5R – Mrs Riseley – Rundell
4M Mrs Makinde/Miss Andrews - Coelho	5N – Mrs Nock – Sachar
5R Mrs Riseley - Rundell	6C – Mr Clark – Morpurgo
5T Mr Taylor - Sachar	6L – Mrs Lauchlan – Jackson
6N Mrs Nock - Jackson	We wish Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move on to secondary school! 😊
6C Mr Clark - Morpurgo	

New Year R class lists have been shared with parents and the children have had the opportunity to be in these classes and meet the adults. The Year R staff team have worked very hard to create the best balance across the two classes for all children. As in many years previous, we may mix the Year R classes as they go into Year 1, once they have settled and spent a year in school we often find the balance and dynamics change.

We are so pleased that our new teachers have been in school, met staff and most importantly had time to spend with their new classes. We hope the children found this opportunity useful to get to know them and start to build relationships before the end of the school year.

If I do not manage to see you or speak to you, please have a safe and peaceful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 05 September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Iain Witts
Executive Headteacher