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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to inform you about some important staffing and structural changes that will take effect from September.

From September, we will be reducing to 11 classes across the school. This change reflects our current pupil numbers. We will ensure that we continue to provide high-quality teaching and learning experiences for all children.

We will also be saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of the summer term. Mrs Billenness will be retiring after an incredible 42 years of dedicated service to our school community! Mrs Billenness has been a valued and much-loved member of our team, contributing so much to the life of the school across generations of pupils and families. It is no exaggeration to say that her impact has been felt across the entire school community.

Mrs Gay will also be retiring after 19 years at King Ina. Many people will know her as 'Madame Gay' because she taught French to the children for many years. Mrs Gay's care, commitment, and hard work have made a lasting difference to the lives of so many children and families over this time and we will all miss her.

We are immensely grateful for all that Mrs Billenness and Mrs Gay have given over the past decades, and we know many of you will join us in wishing them both a very happy and well-earned retirement.

We will also be saying farewell to Mr Wright, who is moving on to a new opportunity. We thank him for his contribution to our school over the last 4 years and wish him every success for the future.

In September Miss Dare will be teaching part time alongside Mrs Schunke, who will be joining our teaching team and working with Peregrine Class. We are confident that this partnership will provide excellent continuity and support for the children.

Many of you will know that Mrs McInnes is expecting a baby in early September. We are all very excited for her and wish her the very best as she prepares for this special time. We are currently in the process of recruiting a maternity cover teacher who will take over Mrs McInnes' class during her leave. We will keep you informed and introduce the new teacher to you and the children as soon as the recruitment process is complete.

Our new class structure for September 2025 is as follows:

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

| Teacher/s | Class name | Year group/s |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Mrs Wills from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Ruddle on Fridays | Pipit Class | Reception |
| Mrs Jones | Wagtail Class | Reception |
| <i>Maternity cover teacher – details to follow in due course</i> | Robin Class | Year 1 |
| Mrs Slade | Puffin Class | Year 1 and 2 |
| Mrs Hatt on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Miss White on Thursdays | Goldfinch Class | Year 2 |

Key Stage 2

| Teacher/s | Class name | Year group/s |
|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Mr David | Harrier Class | Year 3 and 4 |
| Mrs Wiles | Sparrowhawk Class | Year 3 and 4 |
| Mrs Milsom from Monday to Thursday and Miss White on Fridays | Kestrel Class | Year 3 and 4 |
| Mrs Schunke on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Dare from Wednesday to Friday | Peregrine Class | Year 5 and 6 |
| Mrs Akhurst | Buzzard Class | Year 5 and 6 |
| Mr Hillier | Red Kite Class | Year 5 and 6 |

To support a smooth transition, we will be holding our transition day tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd July. On this day, all children will spend the morning with their new class teacher, giving them the opportunity to get to know each other and begin to settle into their new environment. **Children should go to their current class teacher for registration tomorrow morning.** Please note that Mrs Billenness will teach the *new* Robins Class children tomorrow morning only.

We understand that change can bring mixed emotions, and we are committed to supporting your children throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher