

12th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Staffing Update – Spring 2025

As Christmas approaches we have some news to share about changes to our staff team that will be taking place after the break.

After 7 years spent serving our school community as a Year 1 teacher Miss Hall will be moving on to pastures new. Miss Hall travels a long way to be with us each day, and has decided that it is time to look for a school closer to home and spend less time on the road. Having started her teaching career with us at Haytor View we feel proud that children beyond our school gates will now benefit from Miss Hall's extensive teaching experience and we know that you will all join us in wishing her the very best for the future.

As we sought a teacher for our wonderful Year 1 class, we have found ourselves in the fortunate position of being able to appoint an existing member of the school team who will lead the class immediately after the Xmas break. We are really pleased to be able to share that Miss Dennis, who currently works in the Foundation Stage and who has a long history with the school, will be leading learning in Year 1 from 6th January 2025. Miss Dennis, a qualified teacher, has been biding her time waiting to work in a school that felt right and we are proud to say that Haytor View fits the bill for her. Miss Dennis' connection with Haytor View's ethos and values are undoubted given her history with us and we look forward to welcoming her as a teacher, as we are sure you will do too.

As we look forward to January we are also pleased to share with you that we have appointed Samantha Farrow to our Foundation Stage team. We are excited by what Miss Farrow will bring to the children and provision and know that she will receive a warm welcome from children and parents alike.

Finally, Year 2 parents will be aware that earlier in the year we had been expected to be losing Mrs Brown for a number of weeks due to a medical procedure and related recovery period that she was anticipating. The eagle-eyed among you will have spotted that this didn't happen and that Mrs Brown has been with us throughout the Autumn Term. We are currently expecting this to now take place towards the end of January 2025, and will be in touch following the Christmas break as we put arrangements in place with Mrs Brown's planned absence in mind.

Of course, should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the information shared in this update, feel free to talk to any of our senior leaders, teachers, or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton Head Teacher