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Dear Parents/Carers,

Microsoft Teams

Very soon, we will be issuing parents and carers with our updated blended learning plan which details how we intend to manage remote learning as we move forward through the school year. Part of this will include how, if learning remotely, we will be communicating with children on a daily basis via electronic methods. We are making the switch from using Zoom, as we did for parents' evenings and F2/Yr 1 closures, to using Microsoft Teams. Parents and Carers might want to start familiarising themselves with this software if they have not used it before. You do not need to have a Microsoft account or use an 'Outlook' email address for this to work.

Staff Changes

I am able to provide you with information regarding changes in staffing at BHPS that will take place this Christmas. There are three points in a year when teachers can move on from their posts (Summer, Christmas and Easter) and this summer there was noticeably less movement than normal due to Covid-19. We are experiencing more movement than we would normally expect this Christmas for a variety of reasons.

Yr 4

Mrs Higgins will be beginning her maternity leave at Christmas and, after the break, her class will be taken by Mrs Abby Gunning who, as an experienced teacher, will be joining us as Lower Key Stage 2 (yrs 3&4) leader.

Yr 5

Mrs Greenfield is retiring at the end of this Autumn term after 33 years teaching, 22 of those being at Bramcote Hills Primary School. We are extremely sad to see her leave us and thank her for her years of devoted service to the school. Her class responsibilities will be taken up by Mrs Colombo who will move from her 2 day role in Year 6 to teach for four days in year 5. The fifth day arrangements are to be confirmed.

Miss Furness is leaving Bramcote Hills to take up a new teaching position at Priory Junior School in Gedling and we wish her every success in her new venture. Her class will now be taught by Mr James Fairbrother who has several years of experience both abroad and in this country.

Yr 6

With Mrs Colombo increasing her days to work in year 5 after Christmas, her two days in year 6 will now be taught by Miss Gibson (who is no stranger to running a year 6 class) and we thank her for her flexible approach.

Yr 3

Miss Wright will be leaving her year 3 job share position of two days a week as her family are relocating to Shropshire. Miss Wright has worked at Bramcote Hills for 9 years, in Foundation and across KS1. We wish her and her family every happiness for their future. We will be able to share information regarding who is to be Miss Wright's replacement for two days a week very soon.

I will be writing to you all again soon with information of a more general nature.

Take care.

Yours faithfully,

Pete Taylor
Head Teacher