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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of the summer term, I would like to share with you the staffing changes across the school and the class teachers for the next academic year. Unlike previous years, it will not be possible for all children to meet their new teacher before the term starts in September due to the present Covid19 situation.

The following teachers will be leaving Ludlow Primary School in July.

#### **Mrs Joanne Davies**

We are very sad to share with you the news that Mrs Davies was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumour last September. This resulted in Mrs Davies having a major operation followed by intensive chemo and radio therapy. She has now taken the very difficult decision to seek early retirement. School and teaching have been a very important part of her life and she will miss this and the children greatly. On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors I would like to thank her for her 18 years of dedication to Ludlow Primary School and wish her all the best for the future.

#### **Miss Laura Rathbone**

Miss Rathbone joined us in September to teach in Y2, whilst Mrs Davies was absent. She has very much enjoyed teaching the children in Y2 but she is now leaving us to take up a permanent teaching post much closer to her home in Gloucestershire. We would like to thank her for her enthusiasm and dedication and wish her every success with her future teaching career.

#### **Mrs Nerys Meyer**

In March, Mrs Meyer decided to leave the school and teaching to enable her to pursue a different career path. This was a difficult decision for her to make as she enjoyed teaching the children of Ludlow. She would like to thank the school, staff and parents for their support. On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors I would like to wish her all the very best for the future.

#### **New Teaching Staff**

I would like to welcome three new teachers who will be joining us in September.

Miss Julia Fallon, who is presently teaching in Herefordshire. Miss Ruth Smith presently teaching in Bristol and Miss Thea Preece who will be starting her teaching career with us job-sharing with Mrs Lloyd Kitchen. We would also like send our best wishes to Miss Dakers who will be starting her second maternity leave in September.

### Leadership Team Changes

From September, Ms Nicola Collins will be joining the School Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher based at Clee View. Ms Grant will continue as Assistant Headteacher based at Sandpits Road. Mr Hood and I will continue to share our time across both sites.

### Teaching Assistants

We are also bidding farewell to several of our dedicated and hardworking learning assistants. We wish Dave Evans and Rosemary Lacey all the best in their retirement and Steve Mapes the very best for his future teaching career. On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors I would like to thank them for all their hard work during their time at Ludlow Primary School.

### New classes for September

The table below outlines the class changes for September. You will see that we have taken the opportunity to regroup the children as they move from Y2 to Y3. Additionally, the children moving from Y4 to Y5 are also now grouped into two classes. The children will all be contacted directly by their Class teacher on Do Jo to let them know which class they will be in.

| 2019-2020 (present class) | 2020-2021 Class (September) | Teacher   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
|                           | Robins                      | Mrs Clare Preece  |
|                           | Wrens                       | Miss Jess Potter  |
| Wrens                     | 1 Ash                       | Miss Lauri Houchin  |
| Robins                    | 1 Oak                       | Miss Thea Preece (Mon /Tues))<br>Mrs Hen Lloyd Kitchen (Wed,<br>Thurs, Fri) |
| 1 Ash                     | 2 Ash                       | Miss Julia Fallon   |
| 1 Oak                     | 2 Oak                       | Ms Nicola Grant   |
| Y2 Classes re-grouped     | 3 Ash                       | Ms Nicola Collins   |
|                           | 3 Oak                       | Miss Ruth Smith   |
| 3 Ash                     | 4 Ash                       | Miss Sophie Davenport   |
| 3 Oak                     | 4 Oak                       | Mrs Linda Mellish   |
| Y4 Classes re-grouped     | 5 Ash                       | Mrs Juliet Jones  |
|                           | 5 Oak                       | Ms Rebecca Smith  |
| 5 Ash                     | 6 Ash                       | Mr Liam Whitbread   |
| 5 Oak                     | 6 Oak                       | Miss Katie Froggatt   |

It has been an eventful and challenging first year as Ludlow Primary School, but we have been heartened and touched by all the positive feedback we have received from you this year, particularly during recent months. Thank you for all your support and I look forward to starting a new academic year in September.

Best Wishes

Kate Mather