

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everybody after the half term and Jubilee celebrations. We are also delighted to congratulate Mr and Mrs Dale on their marriage. I know that Mrs Dale is already very impressed with how many people have already got used to using her married name!

I am sure the children were excited to see our new "cherry tree throne". Even though it was necessary to cut down such a beautiful tree, I am so pleased that we have been able to keep a part of it as the children have always loved playing around it. Huge thanks to Tom Stephenson and Clive Beadon who organised the cutting and carving. Tom is dad of Ruby in Foss Class, and Clive is a grandfather of one of our children starting in September. I am always so touched when our community donates time and energy to help our wonderful school. Thank you both.

This is always a very busy but enjoyable half term in the run up to Summer. Our oldest children will be preparing for our end of year production and our Year 6s will of course be preparing for their transition to secondary school. Meanwhile at the other end of the school, we are looking forward to welcoming our September new starters for their transition visits, the first one of which is this Friday afternoon. Our whole school move up day, when all children will spend time with their new teachers, is arranged for Tuesday 21st June. This is quite an early date but it is to keep in line with when our Year 6s will be visiting their secondary schools.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the class arrangements for September. We will continue with our four-class structure, the details of which are below.

Class Arrangements for September 2022

Class Name	Pupils	Class Teacher	Class TAs
Derwent	EYFS/ Year 1	Miss Oscroft	Mrs Cuthbertson Mrs Charlton PMs – Mrs McAfee/Mrs Gwatkin
Foss	Year 2	Mrs Huntriss	Mrs McAfee Mrs Gwatkin Miss Barber
Ouse	Year 3 / Year 4	Mrs Dale	Mrs Jackson
Rye	Year 5 / Year 6	Mr Walker	Mrs Camps Mrs Syms

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

You will note that this year, our Year 1 children will remain as a group together in Derwent Class. A few factors have been taken into consideration when making this decision and I have ensured that our staffing levels in Derwent Class are substantial. Mrs Huntriss will be the substantive teacher in Foss Class, however she will also continue to teach Science throughout the school. This will be covered by Mrs Bowman and Mrs Cummings. As you are all aware, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Laverack at the end of this term. We are going to ensure that we send Mrs Laverack off in style!

With best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher