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Dear Parents and Carers

Classes for 2024 - 25

I am writing to let you know about our class and staffing structure for next academic year. For the academic year of 2024-25, we will be running 14 classes. In the Red Building, there will be three EYFS classes, two Year 1 classes and two Year 2 classes. In the Blue Building, there will be two Year 3 classes, two Year 4 classes and three mixed Year 5 & 6 classes.

Staffing Changes

I am delighted to announce the appointments of Miss Hayes who will be teaching Giraffe class in Year 4 and Mrs Axcell who will be teaching EYFS in Zebra class along with Miss Jackson.

Sadly, Mr Brewster will be leaving us and Mrs Robson is reducing her hours. Mr Brewster has secured an external promotion and will become an Assistant Headteacher in a school closer to London. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Brewster all the best for his new role where I am sure he will thrive. Mrs Robson is moving to further higher education studies and undertaking a counselling degree. Whilst she will no longer be working for us in her current role, she will be remaining in school teaching every Thursday morning and all day Friday in a job-share role with Ms Marshall.

Both Mr Brewster and Mrs Robson are members of the senior leadership team. Therefore, I am able to announce that Mrs Byrne (formally Miss Livermore) has been promoted to the role of LKS2 phase leader and Mrs Murray has been promoted to the role of UKS2 phase leader.

Many parents will know that Mrs Pallett has been on maternity leave and parents will be notified accordingly upon her return. Please be advised that Mrs Pallett has kept in very close contact with the school and we are looking forward to her imminent return. In the meantime, Mrs Falvey remains acting EYFS phase leader.

Transition arrangements

On Friday 28th June , the children will meet their new teachers and classes and enjoy a 'moving up' day. After that, children in Year 2 will also embark on several journeys to the junior building across the following weeks to become familiar with the building and the routines they can expect when they move across.

Transition Meetings

We would also like to invite parents to a transition meeting to meet their new class teachers and learn about the new routines for their new school year. These will happen early on in the new academic year. However, we will share handy information with parents prior to this meeting and we are always on hand to answer any questions you may have in the meantime.

Year Groups	Date / Time	Venue
Years 1 & 2	Wednesday 4th September 3:30pm	Red Hall
Years 3 & 4	Thursday 5th September 3:30pm	Blue Hall
Years 5 & 6	Friday 6th September 3:30pm	Blue Hall

Our class structure for 2024-25 and commonly asked questions along with their answers can be found on the following two pages. If, after reading these, you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have any questions about the Key Stage One arrangements, please contact Miss Smith in the first instance on her current class email address of lion@riversideprimary.co.uk

If you have any queries about the Lower Key Stage Two arrangements, please contact Mrs Byrne in the first instance on her class email address of turtle@riversideprimary.co.uk

If you have any queries about the Upper Key Stage Two arrangements, please contact Mrs Murray in the first instance on koala@riversideprimary.co.uk

In addition, if you have any specific questions which you would like us to deal with in our presentations, please email those across before the meetings and we will endeavour to address them.

If you would like to discuss anything further with me as headteacher, please do not hesitate to contact me on admin@riversideprimary.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Smith
Headteacher



Classes for 2024-25

Year Group	Teacher (s)	Class Base
EYFS	Mrs Pallett (currently on maternity) /Miss Jackson	Lion
EYFS	Mrs Falvey	Leopard
EYFS	Mrs Axcell / Miss Jackson	Zebra
Year 1	Mrs Beard	Bear
Year 1	Mrs Kruse	Otter
Year 2	Miss Smith	Seal
Year 2	Mrs Martinson / Mrs Chandler	Dolphin
Year 3	Miss Willard	Panda
Year 3	Mrs Brewer & Mrs Sear	Tiger
Year 4	Miss Hayes	Giraffe
Year 4	Mrs Byrne	Turtle
Year 5/6	Mrs Mills	Monkey
Year 5/6	Mrs Murray	Koala
Year 5/6	Miss Marshall / Mrs Robson	Kangaroo

The phase leaders for each phases are:

EYFS Mrs Pallet (Maternity) Mrs Falvey (maternity cover)

KS1 Miss Smith

LKS2 Mrs Byrne

UKS2 Mrs Murray

Please see the next page for commonly asked questions and their answers.

Q&A

How will you ensure a successful induction for EYFS children into Year 1?

We will ensure that we provide learning opportunities in Year 1 which will support their transition and we aim to provide plenty of play-based learning, especially to begin with in order to settle the children. This year, the Zebra and Leopard class will stay in their current class groups and move up together.

Why have you chosen to not mix classes for the new years 1-4?

Having mixed children quite substantially last year, we have decided not to mix the children any further this year, unless absolutely necessary (such as the current year 4 moving into year 5). This is to support transition and maintain consistency for the children as they move into the next year of their education.

Will you have Maths sets in Key Stage Two?

To support the development of the children in Mathematics, we will have Maths sets in Years 3 and 4. Please see below for more information regarding years 5 and 6.

Why have you mixed Years 5 and 6?

We have mixed the current Year 4 classes before they go into Year 5&6. Parents were informed of this a while ago and children's friendship choices were taken into account to help us organise the classes. As a village school, we do experience fluctuations in our numbers. Year 5 and 6 are two comparatively small year groups which means we will be teaching the children in mixed-age groups over the next year. We have plenty of experience in running mixed-aged classes and we are confident that this model will work well for the children.

After their initial assessments, children in Years 5 and 6 will be set for Maths with Ms Shaw and Mrs Watts running an additional set. Children will have their English and foundation subjects in their classes. As Year 6 moves closer to their end of Year 6 SATS, we may make different decisions as the year progresses. We will keep parents informed about these decisions and the rationale behind them if and when this scenario occurs.