14 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of a few changes to our staffing that will take place from January 2019. Mrs Budhan-Mills, who has been teaching in Early Years for four mornings up until now, has been supporting with leadership at The West Thornton Primary Academy for the past four weeks. After Christmas she will be taking up a permanent Deputy Head Teacher post there. Mrs Johnson will be the class teacher. We wish Mrs Budhan-Mills every success at West Thornton and thank her for her support and hard work in the Early Years.

Following the success of our Year 1 team and the excellent progress the children are making there, Ms Milford will continue as Class Teacher for Cherry Class. Mrs Dowdeswell, who would have been covering Mrs Hubble's maternity leave, will be teaching in Year 3 in the mornings and Year 5 in the afternoon. This will provide additional support for the larger classes in those year groups and will allow Years 3 and 4 to be taught separately for Maths and Literacy.

Plans for the Beckmead PRU to accommodate our empty classrooms in January have been delayed for a few months to later on in the school year. You will be updated as to when the children will move in when we have more information.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and children who supported the school at the Christmas discos last Friday. We managed to raise nearly £500! The children will be asked via their school councilors how they would like to spend the money. Thank you again for your support.

Please remember that on 19 December it is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. We will be singing at the Shirley and West Wickham Baptist Church. All Parents are welcome to join us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Mr Cooper
Principal