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Dear Parents / Carers,

At this time of year we traditionally say goodbye to staff who are leaving the school at the end of the academic year. I am pleased to inform you that this year we will not be losing any staff, but I do need to let everyone know about two staffing developments that will impact us in September.

Firstly, I need to inform you that on her return from maternity leave Mrs Knibb has decided to reduce her hours and she will therefore become a part time teacher for Oak Class from the start of the new academic year. She will be teaching Oak on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

We have been very lucky during a time in which staff recruitment has been challenging for schools to secure the employment of Mr Robin Gibson for Thursdays and Fridays in Oak Class next year.

Mr Gibson is well known to the school, having undertaken lots of supply teaching with us over the past few years. He is very popular with the children and staff and I am sure he will make a great addition to the team at Wookey. Interviews have been nearly impossible for schools during lockdown so I am delighted to be able to appoint someone that we already know well and have seen in action with the children on many occasions.

Mrs Knibb and Mr Gibson have already started working together remotely, and both teachers will be fully involved in our end of year INSET where they will finalise details for how they will organise the week for the children. Please rest assured that we will organise an opportunity for parents of the new Oak class to meet Mr Gibson at the start of the autumn term, albeit one which follows the social distancing rules which will be in place from September.



The second piece of news I need to share is that I am delighted that we are able to retain Miss Main as a member of staff. She was originally due to leave us at the end of term as the funding for her post was running out, but at our Governors meeting this week we agreed to extend her contract so she will continue to support Miss Coates in Rowan class in September.

With the addition of Mr Gibson and the retention of Miss Main I am really looking forward to another brilliant year at Wookey from September. Of course we have the summer break to look forward to first, and on behalf of the staff, governors and children I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a brilliant summer and thank you for your support throughout this year.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Marsh
Headteacher

