



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear parents,

## Class Teachers for 2016/2017

I am delighted to announce the teaching staff arrangements for September 2016 in the table below, which the governors and I feel will provide an excellent staffing structure for the next academic year.

Year Group	Class Teacher
Reception	Miss Felstead
Year 1	Mrs Berry
Year 2	Mrs Kendall (Mon-Tuesday) and Mrs Easby (Weds-Friday)
Year 3	Miss Dunn
Year 4	Mrs Yates
Year 5	Mrs Cole
Year 6	Mrs Brooks (Monday-Wednesday), Mr Silver (Thursday) and Mrs Berrington (Friday)

## Meet the new teacher day

Each class will spend an hour from 11-12pm with their new teacher on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. The current Year 5 children will meet with Mr Silver, the current Year 1 children will meet with Mrs Easby and Mrs Berry will meet with the current Reception children.

## Mrs Berry - new Year1 teacher

Our newly appointed Year 1 teacher, Mrs Berry, will be in Abbey School on the 5th and 6th July to observe the Reception children, observe Mrs Hare teaching in Year 1 and meet with both Miss Felstead and Mrs Hare to have a thorough hand over. Mrs Berry is a hugely experienced Key Stage 1 teacher who is currently teaching Year 1 in a Hertfordshire school. She is an English graduate, with a Masters in Language and Literacy and Education and a PhD in Mathematics Education. She has excellent phonological knowledge and experience with the implementation of the phonics screening check which takes place at the end of Year 1. Mrs Berry's has grown-up children, has a real passion for education and teaching and she is very much looking forward to joining Abbey School and meeting her new class.

## School leadership

Miss Felstead will continue to support me with the leadership of the school and deputise in my absence in her full-time role of Deputy Head Teacher.





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## **Transition**

The teachers in every class work hard to ensure a smooth transition into the next year group and will be meeting to discuss the children and to agree assessments in English and Maths so that they are ready to set challenging individual and class targets and to differentiate the learning ready for the start of the autumn term.

## **Non class based teachers**

Mrs Berrington will continue to work on a Thursday covering classes to release teachers for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) duties. Mr Morgan will continue to work on a Tuesday and Friday, delivering the PE curriculum across the whole school to provide teachers with PPA time. Mrs Price will continue to work on a Wednesday and Thursday to teach music across the school to provide teachers with PPA time and to offer a range of musical extra-curricular activities for the children.

## **Sad farewells**

Mrs Clerc (current Year 6 teacher) and Mrs Hare (current Year 1 teacher) are both looking forward to the arrival of their first babies. Mrs Clerc will commence maternity leave on Friday, 24th June and experienced Abbey School teachers Mrs Brooks, Mr Silver, Mrs Berrington and Year 6 Teaching Assistant, Mrs Kelly will support the Year 6 class during their last four weeks of school. Mrs Hare plans to work up until the end of the summer term. We look forward to welcoming back both ladies in a year's time.

## **Mrs Tully**

Another sad farewell will be to Mrs Tully our SENCO. Mrs Tully has worked at Abbey School for ten years supporting the children, parents and staff with the education and inclusion of children with special educational needs. Mrs Tully has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of SEN within Abbey School and will be hugely missed by us all.

Since January Mrs Tully has been seconded to Windermere Specific Learning Difficulties Base (SpLD Base) as a Base Teacher, when not working at Abbey School, and will now be working there permanently from September. We wish her all the very best with her role and our new SENCO, Mrs Yeldham, will continue to liaise with Windermere for expertise, support and training for staff and will maintain channel of communication with Mrs Tully.

## **Mrs Yeldham - new SENCO**

Mrs Yeldham was appointed last week by Mrs Tully and myself with the support of the governing body. We had a very strong field of applicants and we are very much looking forward to Mrs Yeldham joining us in July for handover meetings with Mrs Tully and parents. In the first half of the autumn term Mrs Yeldham will work every Monday and after half term she will work an additional half day.

The **Open Evening** on 14<sup>th</sup> July from 6-8pm, allowing parents and children the opportunity to visit all the classrooms in the school and experience a flavour of the topics covered and the work produced, and to introduce yourself to the current teaching staff.

There will be a **Curriculum Meeting** for parents to meet their new class teacher and to hear about the curriculum within the first few weeks of the autumn term.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Fenn'.

Emma Fenn  
Headteacher