

19th May 2017

Dear Parents,

We had hoped that the past teaching year would have remained consistent for your child but unfortunately teaching consistency was affected, due to unanticipated and unavoidable staff changes. Changes of this nature are never ideal and to concentrate support and ease your child's transition into the coming year, we thought it would be helpful to communicate what arrangements are being put in place for your child in Year 5.

Following an innovative and targeted recruitment process, we have appointed Rhian Brighton, a talented teacher from Castle Hill Junior School in Ipswich, where she has worked for the past 2 years.

It was very important to us that we found the right teacher for your children and the Brooklands' team, for this reason a stringent and extensive recruitment process was conducted that incorporated methods not used in Suffolk previously. Candidates from throughout the UK were made aware of the opportunity and Rhian shone out above every one of the shortlisted candidates in all the teaching tasks, activities and interview within the selection process.

After much consideration, we felt it was very important that we ensure as much teaching consistency in your child's next teaching year as we possibly could, and it is for this reason that Rhian will be giving her time and commitment to teaching your child's class, something that would not be possible with any of our existing Key Stage 2 team, who have to split their time between teaching and wider leadership duties within the school.

Your child will have the opportunity to attend a transition afternoon on July 5th, where they will be able to meet Rhian and spend time in their new classroom and find out more about the many and varied topics that your child will be learning about. There will also be time after this for parents to meet Rhian between 3:30pm and 4:15pm.

We will also be arranging for Rhian to make further visits to Brooklands in the Summer term and as soon as we have finalised dates we will be letting you know.

If your child has any special educational needs, Marie Hunting, will be arranging with Rhian a full handover of information about your child.

If you or your child has any concerns about their move to the next term please do not hesitate to contact me at the school to discuss them.

With best wishes,

Christine Davy