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Dear Parents

Staffing

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the staff team after Christmas. At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to three members of our staff team.

Mrs Dawson

After 16 years at Leavening, Mrs Dawson is taking a break from teaching. Mrs Dawson will leave with happy memories of fantastic children and families with whom she has had the pleasure of working with over the last 16 years. Mrs Dawson wishes all children, staff and governors every success in the future. A child's first teacher is always very special and I know children and parents will have fond memories of Mrs Dawson over the years.

Mrs Wheldon

Mrs Wheldon will be leaving us to take on a new position at St Marys RC Primary School. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Wheldon to further her career in teaching. Mrs Wheldon has been part of the team at Leavening for over 2 years and has had a great impact on the children she has taught. Mrs Wheldon is well liked and respected by the children and they will all miss her. Mrs Wheldon has set the bar for a high standard of music that a small primary school can achieve and this legacy will be maintained. We wish her well in the next phase of her career.

Miss Mitchelmore

Miss Mitchelmore has only been with us since January but she has fast become an asset to the school and in her short time here, has enabled all children she has taught to flourish. Miss Mitchelmore says it is with regret that she is leaving but wanted me to share these words with you all:

"I have had a fantastic time working at Leavening School, I could not have wished for a more supportive, caring and innovative school which has allowed me to develop and progress as a teacher. However, after much thought I have decided to take a step back from teaching in a mainstream setting. I plan to spend some time working and travelling abroad and on my return re-focus my career towards working with children and adults with special needs. I wish Leavening School every success in the future. Keep in touch!"

The last 2 years have seen significant changes in staffing at Leavening and you have seen how we have embraced these changes and seen the school go from strength to strength in providing the best possible education and experiences for our children. It is always emotional to see dearly respected teachers leave us, but be assured that exciting times are ahead. As soon as we have appointed a teacher in Oak Trees and a teacher in Acorns, I will inform you and there will be the chance to meet them. However, in the meantime, I understand that you may have some thoughts and questions regarding this change and possible impact, so if this is the case, I would encourage you to make an appointment to come and chat to me. My door is always open!

Kind regards,

Sian Mitchell



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