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BIG difference!



Headteacher: Miss Rhiannon Price

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Dear Parents,

I am sure that you have been wondering what structure the school will take in September. The number of children enrolled at a school is the key factor determining the school's budget. Nationally, school rolls have fallen in recent years and this is no different at Dundry C of E Primary School. When a school has fewer children, it has to adjust its class sizes and structure to best fit the number and ages of its children and for this reason the Governing Body felt it sensible and prudent to reorganise into 3 classes for this academic year.

Whilst our September intakes for Reception have increased significantly over the last two years, with Reception being full again in September 2011, our numbers throughout the rest of the school mean that we will be remaining with the three class structure in September.

The Governing Body have looked at a number of options and discussed which would best suit our children.

The following table shows you what the class structure will be in September 2010.

YR/Y1	Miss Fitzpatrick (LSA Miss Kelly Evans)	(15 + 15 = 30 pupils)
Y2/Y3/Y4	Miss Colby/Mrs Warren (LSA Mrs Jane Booth)	(6 + 10 + 5 = 21 pupils)
Y5/6	Mr Wiggins (LSA Mrs Annette Milton)	(13 + 8 = 21 pupils)

Mrs Wilson will continue to cover PPA time in Elder and Rowan classes as well as developing her role as SENCO. Mrs Belinda Densley will be supporting children throughout the school, particularly those with SEN, offering additional support in numeracy and developing a parent based project aimed at helping you help your child learn at home. She will also provide additional support to Rowan class.

In order to support the needs of all pupils, each class will be supported every morning by an LSA. This means that all classes will have the support of an additional adult for their literacy and numeracy sessions. We are lucky that Willow and Elder class retain very small numbers, allowing us to provide an excellent adult:child ratio. We also understand that some parents may feel concern about the three year group mix in Willow class, however we have two very experienced teachers in the age ranges covered. We are available and happy to answer any of your questions.



Attached to this letter is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet to give you more information about the benefits of mixed age year groups. We hope this will answer any further questions you may have. However, please feel free to write, telephone or arrange a personal meeting with Miss Price or Mrs Heappey (Chair of Governors) if you have any further questions. The Parent Council will also be holding a coffee morning where you can share any questions or concerns.

Above all, we will put your children first and have taken time to think about how the changes will affect them, what their concerns/questions may be and how we will cater to their needs. We will be talking to the children about the changes happening in September in a circle time so that they have the opportunity to talk to us about them.

We remain committed to maintaining a village school with excellent academic standards.

Yours sincerely

*Rhiannon Price*

Headteacher

