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Thursday 26th April 2018.

Class Organisation from September 2018.

Dear Parent/ Legal Guardians,

The Staffing Committee of the Governing Body met yesterday to discuss classroom organisation for September 2018.

Meeting at the start of the Summer Term has enabled us to share the details with you earlier than we would usually be able to.

The children will be involved in a transition day on **Tuesday 10th July 2018** (please note this date is different to the Year 6 transition day Thursday 5th July). Our children are lucky, as they already know all members of staff quite well so transition for us is an easy process. However, if your child already has identified special needs, changes will be made to ease transition. If you have any concerns, please contact school so we can make any necessary further arrangements.

Children who are *currently in Nursery and due to start full time school in September* are to stay in school all day; they can be dropped off in the main playground for 8.55 a.m. (or any time from 8.40 am.) as long as a member of staff is on duty on the school yard, and picked up at 3.15 p.m. from the Early Years door. We expect our normal end of day arrangements to resume by this time, as we are hoping our roof works will be finished soon.

Despite massive cuts to our School Budget, the Governing Body and I have remained committed to small class sizes and are pleased to confirm that we will be able to teach children in the same year groups as last year. We are very fortunate that we do not have classes of more than two year groups at this school.

Mrs Fletcher will return from Maternity Leave on Monday 9th July.
Mrs Maule and Mrs Lewis will begin their Maternity Leave during the Summer Holidays.

Therefore, our class organisation for September will be as follows:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – Miss Dick
Class One (Year 1 and 2) – Mrs Fortescue
Class 2 (Year 3 and 4) – Mrs Athey
Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) - Mrs Fletcher.

We expect our teaching assistant Ms Clark to be back in post, so she will resume her role.
Mrs Chisholm, our HLTA will be covering teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time and also sharing the job of supporting identified SEND Pupils with a new appointment (for the period of Mrs Lewis' Maternity Leave).

Website: <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk>

Headteacher: Mrs Belinda Athey



We will be advertising for a teaching assistant very shortly and to make the job as attractive as possible, we hope to increase the hours offered by including in the job description daily after school childcare provision and possibly a breakfast club. Please contact school if this is an option that interests you and if we have enough interest we can get a breakfast club and after school provision in place for September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.