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Dear parents and carers in year 2 to year 5,

**Class Arrangements for September 2019**

As you know tomorrow morning is our transition morning, when we welcome the year 2 children back over from the infant school to join our year 3, 4 and 5 pupils as they all find out tomorrow morning which class they will be in. Children will spend the morning with their new teachers in their new classrooms and return to their normal classes and teachers after lunch.

Year 2 children should register and order lunch in the normal way in their current classes and then be brought across with their teachers as before. Children in current years 3 to 5 should come in to their usual teacher/classroom. For many this is an exciting time, but we also recognise for some children they can get a bit worried (all perfectly natural, as not everyone likes change) and we will be looking at putting in any extra transition arrangements that they might need over the next 2 and a half weeks.

As always, it is also a time for both hellos and goodbyes and sadly we will be saying goodbye to Miss King who is going to continue her teaching career with another school (one in our local partnership of schools); Mrs Sarah Hall who has plans to set up her own business, and Mrs Nat Petitt who will be on maternity leave. I am pleased, however, to announce three new teachers to the school: Miss Louise Gill; Mr Jack Earl and Mr Carl Restall.

Following the promotion of Mrs Natasha Jones, our Deputy Head to Headship at Easter, the school has worked without a Deputy this term. School governors and I have carried out a review of the school's leadership structure and from September the school will move from a Deputy Head model to having two Assistant Head Teachers instead. I am therefore delighted to announce that they will be Mrs Jo Marks and Mr Tom Stapleton.

Mrs Marks will lead the upper school and Mr Stapleton the lower school. The Senior Leadership team will also comprise: Mrs Kerry Howard who continues as Inclusion Leader and SENDCO; Mr Duncan Proctor as Curriculum Leader and Mrs Sherry Rogers as School Business Manager. Both myself and Mrs Howard also teach classes and groups throughout the school.

We have chosen new countries for all the classes, the lower school continue with their European countries theme and the upper school have travelled further afield! The classes are as follows:

**Lower school (year 3 and 4):**

<b>Belgium</b>	Miss Amanda Brady
<b>Italy</b>	Miss Louise Gill
<b>Sweden</b>	Mr Jack Goodens
<b>Switzerland</b>	Mrs Cath Luxton (Mon, Tues & Wed)
	Mrs Kristen Baker (Wed, Thu & Fri)
<b>The Netherlands</b>	Miss Lauren Shute
<b>Iceland</b>	Mr Tom Stapleton (Lower School Leader)

**Upper school (year 5 and 6):**

<b>The Philippines</b>	Mr Jack Earl
<b>Canada</b>	Mrs Jo Marks (Upper School Leader)
<b>Botswana</b>	Mrs Joy Painting
<b>Fiji</b>	Mr Duncan Proctor
<b>China</b>	Mr Carl Restall



**Miss Zoe Halford** will also be working as a part-time teacher covering leadership time in both upper and lower school. She will continue to run her Forest Schools clubs (Kindling Spirits) after school on a Tuesday and (hopefully from September!) Thursday.

Key dates for your diaries for next year include our **'Meet the Teacher' meetings at 2.30pm as follows:**

- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September for the Lower School**
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September for the Upper School.**

These meetings give you the chance to meet your new class teachers and to find out about expectations in that part of the school and hear about home learning, curriculum topics and school trips.

For our new year 3s don't forget our **New Parents' Evening tomorrow – Wednesday 3rd July - at 6.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing lots of important information about your child starting at DJS. There will be an opportunity to purchase school uniform and a chance to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom.

Best wishes,

**Elaine Viner**  
**Head Teacher**

