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Dear Parents/Carers,

There are a few staff changes that we need to update you on. Firstly, we will be bidding farewell to Mr Craven at the end of this term as he moves onto a new chapter in his career. As you may know, Mr Craven is currently absent from school, but he may return to work over the coming weeks. We obviously hope to give him a proper send-off at the end of term but, for now, I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Mr Craven for his significant contribution to Chesterton over the last five years, not only within Ash Class, but also across the school through his work with the Eco Council and as our Forest School leader. We wish him all the best for the future.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed Miss Emily Claridge to join our teaching team from September. Miss Claridge will be beginning her teaching career with us and, following a very impressive interview and a glowing recommendation from the school where she is completing her teaching practice, we are confident that she will fit in well to the school community and be a fantastic addition to the staff. When we announce class and teacher allocations on changeover day in July, Miss Claridge is able to join us to meet her new class.

As you may know, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Natalie Robb at the end of term. Miss Robb will conclude her teaching training qualification in July and has secured her first full-time teaching appointment in Year 4 at Launton Primary School. We are pleased that she won't be too far away and look forward to doing battle on the sports fields with her teams in the near future. We would like to thank Miss Robb for all her contributions to Chesterton over the last year, particularly her support for extra-curricular activities and for playing such an important role in leading the teaching of Ash Class this term.

Mrs Helen Meaney will also be leaving this summer, after four years as a Teaching Assistant with us. Following in the recent footsteps of Miss Nixey, Mrs Simpson and Miss Mansfield in making the transition from a support staff role at Chesterton to teacher training, she will begin her P.G.C.E. course at Oxford Brookes University in September. I would like to thank Mrs Meaney for everything that she has done for our school, especially with respect to our Music provision and also with supporting our Forest School sessions. We wish her all the best for a long and successful career as a teacher.

I am happy to report that we have successfully recruited a new Teaching Assistant, as Mrs Renee King was appointed following interviews before half-term. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mrs King to Chesterton and we look forward to her fitting into our fantastic team of Teaching Assistants in September.

Yours sincerely, Mr Horner

