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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of another busy year, there are some staffing changes that we need to update you on.

### **Departures**

At the end of this term, we will be saying a few goodbyes.

**Mrs Debbie Judge:** As most of you will already be aware, Debbie Judge left her role at our Breakfast Club at the beginning of November, after many years of service to Chesterton. Our wrap-around care is an immensely valuable service for our pupils and families and we would like to thank Debbie for everything that she has contributed to making that possible. We wish her well for the future.

**Miss Claire Wiseman:** After just over two years as a TA at Chesterton, we are bidding farewell to Miss Wiseman, as she moves on to a position working for OCC's SEND transport team. Miss Wiseman has worked as a Teaching Assistant in a number of classes, predominantly Rowan and Beech, alongside her roles at Tree House and Running Club, meaning that she will have supported a large number of your children at one time or another. We would like to thank her for everything that she has done for the school and will obviously continue to see her on the playground as a parent for many years to come!

**Miss Maisie Faulkner:** We are also bidding farewell to Miss Faulkner, who has worked in a range of classes during her relatively short time at Chesterton – Beech and Rowan last year, followed by Hawthorn in 2023-24. Maisie has also worked with pupils from across the school at both Breakfast Club and Tree House. She is preparing to begin her university studies next year and we wish her all the best as she starts her degree in Social Work.

**Miss Charlotte Kavanagh:** Charlotte has been a regular member of wrap-around care staff for just over a year, alongside her college course. She has also helped out as a supply member of support staff in school on a number of occasions. As her study commitments increase, towards a long-term goal of a career in the armed forces, Charlotte is unfortunately no longer able to continue in her role with us. We wish her all the best.

**Mrs Debbie Herring:** Beech Class parents may be aware that Mrs Herring is unfortunately no longer working with us, having left Chesterton to pursue a career outside of education. We wish her all the best.

Therefore, we have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to fill these roles and I am pleased to say that we have been very successful – something that I hope is testament to the ongoing appeal of working at Chesterton and with your children.

## Arrivals – Teaching Assistants

- **Mr Kevin Barrett:** You may recognise the surname.... Mr Barrett is Miss Barrett's brother! Kevin joins us officially, having already worked at Tree House and volunteered at Gardening Club and Forest School. With a background as a chef, the teachers may well be putting his culinary skills to use in their topics. Mr Barrett will be working predominantly in Beech Class.
- **Mrs Sarah Chaplin:** Mrs Chaplin is a qualified teacher with a range of experience across the age groups, so we are very lucky to have her working with us as a TA. She will be working with Miss Hawtin in Hawthorn Class.
- **Mrs Holly Hitchins:** Mrs Hitchins has ten years of TA experience and joins us after a break to bring up her children. Holly enjoys nature and was impressed with our outdoor environment. She is also a keen baker. Her time will predominantly be spent in Key Stage 1.
- **Miss Hollie Winstone:** Miss Winstone has a range of experience working with children, including tutoring and volunteering at youth camps. She also has a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, so the Rowan Class children can look forward to some high-level discussions in the New Year!

## **Breakfast Club**

**Mrs Jennet White:** Jennet joins us with experience in a school kitchen and as a Teaching Assistant. Jennet is opening Breakfast Club every day of the week and is able to work until 8.45, meaning greater continuity for our pupils. She will have already met many of the parents at drop-off and has already implemented some positive initiatives at Breakfast Club.

I'm sure that you will join with me in warmly welcoming our new staff members when we return after the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Horner

