



25th June 2020

Class Teachers September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know who your child's class teacher will be in September and any changes to staffing for the next academic year. Although I cannot communicate on the structure for September as yet, we are hoping that guidance will enable us to come together as a class of 30 and welcome all groups back. I will confirm this as soon as I can but for now I can let you know each year group's teacher from September.

Where possible, I have tried to ensure that we can maintain consistency for the children as they move to the next year group. This may mean that their teacher has moved up with them, however, this is not possible for everyone. With all classes, we will be holding transition sessions to ensure all children have met their new teacher and have had a chance to discuss and share any questions regarding next year. Each teacher has created an information page and has also prepared a short video clip which you can access from the pages shown below.

Unfortunately, the end of the year usually means we say farewell to some staff. This year we have already said goodbye to Mrs Smith, who retired in May after 26 years of service at Meadowside. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will be having a huge celebration for her dedication to our Meadowside children over the many, many years. Mrs Smith has been a long-standing, kind, caring staff member and we will miss her very much.

We are also saying farewell to our Year 3 teacher Miss Bankhead, who is moving on to teach in a specialist environment, supporting young people. Miss Bankhead has been a much-loved, fun, caring teacher who I know will be sorely missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her all the best with her new adventures and, once again, we will be organising a big celebration for her fantastic work at Meadowside.

We are also pleased to share that we are welcoming two fabulous new teachers to our infant team at Meadowside. Miss Place has been teaching in a year 1 class in a primary school in York and we are very excited to have her on our Key Stage one Meadowside team. She is fun, creative and enthusiastic and we are looking forward to some face to face and virtual sessions to support transition over the next few weeks. Mrs Taylor came to Meadowside to teach in EYFS on long-term supply in January, when Miss Jenkins moved to teach Year 1. We couldn't let her go and we are so pleased to have appointed her as our Reception class teacher. Her warm, friendly manner makes her perfect for EYFS and I am sure many parents agree the children thrive in her care.



All of our teachers have created an information page and a video to welcome their children to the next year group in their primary school journey. Please feel free to look at these and share them with the children so that they can get to know all of our teachers across the school. With the exception of Reception, I have not yet communicated where our teaching assistants will be, as many of these work across classes delivering high-quality intervention to a range of pupils in order to meet their targets, as well as working with individual pupils to support a range of health and learning needs.

Although we cannot do our usual 'move-up' days in school, we will communicate some additional transition activities that will take place over the coming weeks, such as further outdoor learning sessions, online sessions and outdoor story time. As the children come back in September, we will continue to support the transition process to ensure our children feel safe, happy and supported in their new year group.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs R Maiden

Headteacher

Class Structure for September 2020

Class	Teacher
Reception	Mrs Taylor
Year 1	Miss Jenkins
Year 2	Miss Place
Year 3	Miss Campey
Year 4	Mr Leverett
Year 5	Mr Butterworth
Year 6	Miss Corkhill
Forest School Teacher	Miss Brown

Below are information pages for each class teacher. There is also a link to a video clip which they have prepared for the children to watch.



Reception teacher: Mrs Taylor

<https://youtu.be/IASleZCfN4o>



Hello, I am Mrs Taylor and I will be teaching the Reception class next year. I have previously worked in a Harrogate school in a Reception setting. After my maternity leave, I joined the Meadowside family as a long term supply teacher in Reception. I fell in love with the school and everyone in it. Lucky for me the school wanted to keep me for next year, this means I am going to be welcoming you into your first year of school. Yay!

I have two children of my own. My eldest is starting school this year too, so I can sympathise as a parent as well as a teacher. I will do everything I can to make you feel safe, reassured and have lots of fun....and help the grown-ups feel reassured too. Reception is such an exciting messy, action packed classroom, full of curiosity and magical bursts of learning. I love Reception because I love watching the foundations of learning grow. It's so rewarding to see you arrive as little ones, and then leave being able to read, write, draw, paint, imagine, enquire, experiment, add numbers, subtract numbers, recognise shapes...even share and compromise... and all the other wonderful things you absorb and learn.

When I am at home, I don't have much spare time when I am running after my own two children. We do most things together. We love spending time outdoors, anything crafty and snuggling up on the sofa with popcorn to watch a movie. We love books in our house. I love reading my books, but I also treasure sharing stories with my children. Our favourites are the "Gruffalo", "Mr Big" and "Dear Zoo". We sing and dance lots in our family (especially in the kitchen), but I apologies in advance for my singing voice. I am sure that your beautiful voices will out shine mine.

I am so excited to properly meet you and show you our beautiful classroom. I know you are going to love it! You are going to make so many friends and memories in Reception, and I will always be there to give you a helping hand in anything you need.

Have a lovely summer and I look forward to hearing all of your exciting stories and news.



Year 1 teacher: Miss Jenkins

<https://youtu.be/26CKca7TYyw>



Hello! I am Miss Jenkins and I will be teaching Year One again in September and I am so excited!

In September, it will be my fifth year in teaching. I have taught Nursery, Reception and now Year One. I LOVE food and cooking! I have also started yoga which is very relaxing. I love a challenge and have swam with sharks, been sky diving and scuba diving.

I am so excited to teach you all again; I loved teaching you at the beginning of Reception. I am really looking forward to seeing how grown up you are now (you all look very tall!). Some of you are already learning in our Year 1 classroom which is brilliant as you will already know where to go. Year One is such a lovely year to be in! You still get to learn through play but you also get to learn at a grown up desk too!

I love outdoor learning so we will spend lots of time at Forest School. We have also started doing up our outdoor area so that we can use it lots in September. You will have more responsibility too so will have special jobs like taking the register and getting the milk!

Stay safe and I will see you all in September.

Miss Jenkins



Year 2 teacher: Miss Place

<https://youtu.be/V8Jn3qGPnWA>



Hello, my name is Miss Place and I will be teaching Year 2 from September. I am so excited to meet you all. This year, I have taught Year 1 at a school in the centre of York; I had so much fun with my class learning about things like fairy tales, fables and the history of chocolate.

When I'm not at school I like to keep busy. I enjoy running, playing squash and have recently taken up yoga... it's so relaxing. At home I am lucky enough to have a back garden where I love to watch the birds playing; especially two wood pigeons who come to visit every day. I have named them Martin and Louisa and I often feed them bread and fruit scones (their favourite). I know that Meadowside is home to some chickens so I am really excited to meet them!

Year 2 is a fantastic year to be in. There's lots of responsibility because you are the oldest year group in the infants. The younger years look up to you so it's important to show them a good example by being kind and respectful. Of course, Year 2 is also lots of fun as it's full of new challenges and experiences. This year is going to be great!

I look forward to meeting you all very soon but until then, take care.

Miss Place



Year 3 teacher: Miss Campey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VepZbe_b0Q



I'm so excited to tell you that I will be teaching you all again next year! I have missed you all very much over these last few months so it will be wonderful for us to have a full year together next year.

I taught you last year and have always taught Year 2 at Meadowside but when I first started out my career as a teacher, I taught Year 3 and Year 4. We have some amazing topics ahead in Year 3 and lots of our learning in History, Science, Geography, English and Maths will challenge and inspire us as learners.

Being kind, caring for each other and showing our 5R's in all that we do will still be the same, but there will be lots of new and exciting changes as we move in to Key Stage 2. We become more independent learners and ask more questions about the world around us. We take on responsibilities and become role models to children in Key Stage 1 and Reception and make sure we always set a brilliant example of being Ready, Respectful and Safe around school.

It will be my pleasure to spend the next year of our school journey together. I love to get letters at school, so if you wanted to ask me anything or write down any questions or things you are excited about then you could write me a letter and post it to our school address. If you have any ideas about topics or things you might like to learn I would love to hear about those too!

See you soon.

Miss Campey





Year 4 teacher Mr Leverett

https://youtu.be/9nmBr_Lau9I



Hello, It's is Mr Leverett here. I thought I'd drop you a note to talk about next year. I am going to be the Year Four teacher, YEH!!!

I cannot wait to be your teacher next year. I have taught Year 4 before and it is one of my favourite years to teach so I am very excited! Luckily, I already know most of you and you know me, so that's a great start. But I am really looking forward to getting to know you a little better, so I thought this would give me a chance to tell you a little about myself.

I am married, have three sons: Sam, Will and Ed. I live in Boroughbridge, which is not far away, so when I can, I cycle into school. My hobbies are running, going to the gym, reading and football, although I am more of a supporter now than a player; "come on Leeds!!!"

I think Meadowside is a brilliant school because we know how to work hard and enjoy ourselves while we are learning. I have high expectations and really enjoy having fun at school. I am in the middle of planning lots of exciting activities for us to do next year and I would love to hear from you if there is something specific you would like to do; so let me know.

Next year's Year 4 are going to be best ever!

Hopefully, we will get to spend some time together before the end of the year.

Take care,

Mr Leverett



Year 5 teacher Mr Butterworth

<https://youtu.be/Hv7WEzpBCAw>



Hi everyone, hopefully by now you know me really well; you should know that I always try to be fair, I expect us all to follow the 5Rs, I try to make learning as fun as possible and how I would do anything for you to make sure your school experience is the best it can be and also how I know that next year Leeds United will be top of the Premier League! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all in year 4 and I feel so lucky that this can continue for some time more.

In year 5 there will be many challenges, and many exciting opportunities; I can't wait to go on this journey with you. We will be in upper Key Stage two and this is a big step in your primary school journey. I am so pleased to be taking this step with you. I endeavour to ensure your time in year 5 will be the best it can possibly be! We will have lots of giggles, you will hear bad jokes by Mr Butterworth, we will get things wrong but we will get a lot of things right and together we will have the BEST time – that I can promise!

Enjoy your summer and see you all in Year 5!

Mr Butterworth

Assistant Headteacher



Year 6 Teacher Miss Corkhill

<https://youtu.be/mykliZAEDBQ>



Hey there my lovelies!

How excited am I to be knowing that my current Year 5 family and I will move into Year 6
TOGETHER!

Most of you know me rather well, however I still thought I'd share some more things about me, myself and I . . .

I am a fiercely proud Geordie who loves nothing more than bringing a bit of the North East to our school home. My laugh is loud and there is nothing more I love than sharing a good (or bad) joke with you all.

My home family consists of my partner Russell, step-son Joshua (20), step-daughter Chloe (14), son Archie (7 – going on 13!) and cheeky British Bulldog Rufus (2). Together we go camping lots and are happiest when we are all playing 'Frustration' or 'Beetle drive'.

It's fair to say that music is in my veins: I love singing and dancing. Often, I can be found dodgy dancing to 90s classics which you too have all come to greatly enjoy.

My favourite subject is Maths – I sooo enjoy the way it can make my brain hurt and be so intrigued and determined to reach solutions at the same time.

I cannot wait for September to welcome you all back to our new family home in Year 6.

Until then, take care and keep making fabulous memories with your home families too – new memories for us together are in reaching distance.

WOO HOO!

Miss Corkhill

Assistant Headteacher



Forest School teacher: Miss Brown



Hello Everyone!

I'm Miss Brown, your Forest School teacher. I will be working with you at least one half term this year in our Forest school area outside.

At Forest school we have the chance to build dens, find out about nature, practice our knotting skills, climb trees and enjoy a campfire- whatever the weather. We often get to toast marshmallows too- but that's a Forest school secret- shhhhhh, don't tell!!

We go out whatever the weather and so remember you need your waterproof trousers even on dry days as we like to kneel on the ground to use tools, sit on the messy benches, and lie down in the leaves to play proper hide and seek...

I can't wait to see you all; whatever the weather brings we will have a great adventure and there will be loads of opportunities for you to explore, play and learn in our fantastic Forest!

Miss Brown
Forest School Leader