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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the May half-term approaches, we are working hard to plan our staffing structure for September 2021. I thank you in advance for your patience, whilst we allocate teachers and children to classes and I hope to provide these details soon after half-term so that we can prepare for transition. In the meantime, I write to share some of our staff news.

### Deputy Principal Appointment

I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in appointing a permanent Deputy Principal who will take up her post in September. Miss Bernadette Westwood will be joining our team, bringing with her a wealth of experience. Miss Westwood has written this short introduction for me to share with you:

*It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you as Deputy Principal of Warboys Primary Academy from September and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the next academic year. Since I was young, I have always wanted to work in education. My family often recall how I would line up my teddies to use as my students in my bedroom! Over the last six years, I have worked in a school in London, where I have been fortunate to teach in a range of year groups, led Mathematics and our EYFS and KS1 phase as Assistant Headteacher. I am passionate in helping children realise their potential is limitless, and that a positive mind set, resilient attitude and eagerness to take risks is the first step to learn. This is why I was so drawn to WPA as the school values of warmth, pride and aspiration really resonate with me as it places a priority on our children's well-being and encourages a curriculum full of experiences and knowledge. In my spare time, I have a passion for the outdoors. I also enjoy a range of sports, including playing badminton and netball, and watching Wolverhampton Wanderers play! Finally, I enjoy reading. This is the greatest gift we can give: igniting this passion to read in our children will ensure we are creating life-long learners for our future. Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to the new academic year and what it brings!*

I am sure you are looking forward to meeting Miss Westwood and will join me, in offering her a very warm welcome. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Pawley who has taken on the role of temporary Deputy Principal over the last year. Mrs Pawley has been my right-hand woman at a time when leading a school has been at its most challenging and I will always be grateful to her for her consistent positivity and hard work. Mrs Pawley has worked tirelessly for our community and always gone above and beyond to ensure people have what they need when they need it. We are lucky to have someone so dedicated to our school and who cares so much. Mrs Pawley will return to her role of Assistant Principal in September but in the meantime, please take this opportunity to give thanks for the significant amount of work she has put into the leadership of the school this year. Mrs Pawley will remain in the post of Deputy Principal until September.

### Farewells



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Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two much loved members of staff at the end of this year. Mrs McManus and Miss Ireland will both be leaving to pursue alternative interests and lifestyles and they will both be greatly missed.

Mrs McManus first took up a post here in January 2000 and I will leave you to do the Maths on that! She is a highly regarded member of the team who has enriched the lives and education of so many young people and members of staff. I can't even begin to imagine how many people she has made a difference to, over so many years of service to our community. I know for sure that she will be impossible to replace and will be greatly missed. She has such depth of knowledge, especially in languages, which she shares with passion and professionalism to ensure that our children grow in skills and confidence. Mrs McManus has consistently given her all and made an invaluable contribution to the life and work of our school, but we wish her every success and happiness for the future and hope that she will enjoy spending more time focussing on her lovely family.

Miss Ireland first came to Warboys in 2009 so again, has committed a significant part of her life to the people of our community. Miss Ireland is a highly regarded member of the team who has not only been an outstanding teacher but also a much-loved friend and colleague. She has consistently gone the extra mile to get the best for our children and they have all made exceptional progress under her careful guidance and nurture. We are sorry to lose such a talented teacher and wonderful person from our team but genuinely wish her all the very best in her new pursuits and thank her for the time she has given to us and the difference she has made. Miss Ireland is currently on her maternity leave but we will be inviting her into school to say goodbye properly before the end of the year.

### **Baby News**

We are very excited that Mrs Herring is due to have her second baby on June 21<sup>st</sup> so Mr Herring will be absent from school for 2 weeks from that date as he takes his paternity leave. We wish him all the very best as the family welcome their new arrival and get settled together as a family of 4. We will keep you posted as news arrives nearer the time and will inform you shortly who will teach the class during Mr Herring's absence.

### **Temporary change to Pumas**

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Ayling will be absent from school from the 10th June until the end of the year. I am however delighted to announce that the lovely Mrs Riggall has stepped into the breach again so will be teaching Pumas on Thursdays and Fridays after half term. Thank you very much Mrs Riggall!

I think that is all for now but if there is any further staffing news, I will keep you updated as and when it arrives. In the meantime, thank you again for your patience as we allocate staffing for next year. I look forward to announcing this shortly.

Kind regards,



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