



29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Staffing news

We wanted to let you know that at the end of this term we will be saying a sad goodbye to some very long serving members of our Camp School team.

Firstly, Ruth Rose has decided to leave us at the end of this academic year. Ruth Rose has been part of our teaching team since 1991 – so over 30 years of supporting the children in school. Ruth has taught in many of the classes in school during her career, has led Key Stage 2 and has been a leading teacher for many years supporting learners for whom English is not the first language. For the last 8 years Ruth has supported the school as Assistant Head and has been instrumental in leading and developing our curriculum at Camp. Ruth has always been such a positive member of our team and we will miss her enthusiasm and passion in school. We wish Ruth all the very best for the future.

Joining us on the senior leadership team will be Sarah Rowlatt who will work with Mary Nethersole in the Assistant Head role for the Autumn Term. Sarah has been at Camp for over 12 years and is currently our Year 6 teacher and English lead. We know that she will be a fabulous asset to the senior leadership team.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Dee Decent who has been working with us as a Teaching Assistant for 23 years. Dee is an amazing support to any teacher and has worked in so many classes over the years. Thank you Dee for your years of service, your energy and your flexibility to always help out when needed. Dee is looking forward to spending more time looking after her gorgeous grandson from September.

Another goodbye that we are sad to announce is that Leanne Simmonds, our SENCO, is leaving Camp to take up a role as Head of Learning Services at a school closer to where she lives. Leanne has been with us at Camp since 2010 and has been our SENCo for the last 10 years. For many of our parents Leanne has been a source of support, help and guidance and we all know how much she will be missed. She is equally sad to leave behind families that she has built such strong relationships with.

We are pleased to let families know that Alison Rapson, who is currently on maternity leave, will be returning in September and will be taking on the SENCo role. Alison has already worked with Leanne in this role last Autumn and has completed the National Accreditation for SENCO so is ready and excited to be able to work with families and children in this role from September. Leanne and Alison will be offering an opportunity to meet with families at a coffee morning before the end of this academic year and Leanne will ensure that a full handover takes place before she leaves.

Further details of our staffing for next year will be confirmed to you all next week.

A reminder to please come along to our **Open Evening** next **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 4 – 6.30pm** which will offer a chance to talk to members of the teaching team and see work completed by children from across the school.

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, all the children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teacher/s for next year. Children in our Nursery who are going to be in Reception with us in September will automatically be included in this transition session. We will also be inviting in some of our new Nursery children and all our new Reception children for this session. Our Year 6 children will spend this whole day at their new Secondary schools.

Best wishes

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Head Teacher