



11<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this letter to announce many exciting changes for the upcoming academic year. As you know, Mrs Good has announced that she is resigning from her post and I have been appointed as the substantive Headteacher from September. I am extremely excited to be taking on this role permanently and have already begun to plan for other changes taking place; many of which are detailed in this letter.

At the end of this academic year, Mrs Ives will sadly be leaving Ancaster to take up a teaching post at Grantham Preparatory School teaching Year 3. Mrs Duncan has gained a Year 1 teaching post at The William Alvey School and will also be leaving at the end of July. This will give both Mrs Ives and Mrs Duncan the opportunity to develop professionally as well as explore teaching in a different school setting. We will be very sad to see them leave, but feel passionate about developing teachers to 'be the best that they can be' and know that this is the next stage in their careers; I am sure you will join us in congratulating both members of staff on their new roles.

As Mrs Parsons will also be on maternity leave during the next academic year, we have been busy recruiting 3 high quality teachers to work in school from September. I am extremely excited to be able to announce the appointments we have recently made.

Class 1 will be taught next year by Miss Katy Manson who has been teaching EYFS for the last 4 years. She has worked as a Foundation Stage Leader responsible for leading other Foundation Stage classes as well as the nursery setting attached to her previous school. She promises to be an excellent addition to the school team and having been in to meet the children is thrilled to begin working at Ancaster.

We have also appointed Mr Thomas Swain and Mrs Rachel Hall to work as Key Stage 2 teachers. Mrs Hall is a very experienced teacher who has worked in numerous school settings and will be undertaking Mrs Parsons' maternity cover post. She loved the school and felt that the school's family-feel and church school ethos was extremely welcoming and she is excited to bring her skills to teaching the pupils of Ancaster. Mr Swain is equally as keen to begin his role within Key Stage 2 and will bring with him a fresh perspective to the teaching profession as he has recently completed his teacher training to an extremely high standard. He has many skills in sports teaching and coaching and cannot wait to begin teaching full time in school.

With this in mind, the class structure from September is as follows;

Class	Year Group	Teacher
Class 1	FS/Y1	Miss Katy Manson
Class 2	Y1/Y2	Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)
Class 3	Y3/Y4	Mrs Rachel Hall (Maternity Cover)
Class 4	Y4/Y5	Mr Thomas Swain
Class 5	Y6	Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Hiorns

Whilst it may feel as though there are lots of changes to the staff team, every effort will be made to ensure that there is a clear induction for the new staff as well as a smooth transition process for the pupils to get to know the new staff prior to the start of the academic year. Whilst it may be obvious for some parents which

class their child will be in, decisions are still being made regarding year groups in which there will be a split. If this is the case, I will write to each parent again in the coming weeks to clarify which class your child is in from September.

Once again, I am extremely excited to be able to announce these appointments. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Eden  
Acting Headteacher