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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Classes for School Session 2021 – 2022

I am now able to inform you of classes for August which have now been decided.

Due to budget cuts, falling numbers on roll and maximum class sizes we are permitted we will have a total of 13 classes in the main school. It is therefore necessary to de-composite and composite classes this year. Those classes affected by compositing have already been informed about the class their child will be in.

This affected pupils **currently** in P1A, P1B, P2, P2/3, P3. Please be assured that the new classes being formulated will reflect a balance of gender and age, and the educational needs of the individual pupils involved, according to Midlothian Educational Guidelines.

Moving forward, it is our intention to explore the possibility of mixing classes at the start of each school session. This would be to encourage wider friendship groups and resilience. This has occurred in other schools in Midlothian and has proven to work really well. We do plan to consult with parents later this year regarding this and we are still to decide what format this would take and would advise that any changes would not take place until the start of the new school year in August 2022.

Class Teachers have been appointed as follows:

P1A	Miss Eilidh Cairns
P1B	Miss Sam Hogg
P2	Mrs Linda Dolan
P2/3	Mrs Kim McIntyre
P3	Mrs Stephanie Martin
P4A	Miss Erin Murray - NQT
P4B	Mrs Wendy Townsend
P5A	Miss Amy McGuinness
P5B	Miss Skye McLauchlan
P6A	Mr Ryan Hadnett
P6B	Mr James McCutcheon
P7A	Miss Ronja Bethke
P7B	Mr Mark Jones

Head Teacher	Jackie Mellon
Depute Head Teachers	Laura Birrell
	Ruth Johnson
Office Admin Assistant	Mrs Nicola Scott
Office Support	Mrs Nadia Boyle
	Mrs Alison Lawson
Support Staff	Mrs Louise Swan
	Miss Amy Muir
	Mrs Rhonda Pendreich
	Mrs Lisa Paris
	Mrs Tracy Teasdale
	Miss Stacey Duffy
	Mrs Joanna Lynch

	Mrs Lesley Robertson
	Mrs Lauren Burrell
Playground/Dining Room	Mrs Lynda Murray
Teacher Cover / Learning Support	Miss Barbara Lindsay
	Mrs Kirsty Richmond
	Mrs Jenny Riches
Support for Learning	Miss Judith Scott
Social, Emotional, Behavioural Provision	Mrs Rosie Campbell (Principal Mr Ross Lyall (Class teacher) Miss Z. Boomer (Class teacher) Mrs Sarah Kelly (Support Staff) Miss Lucy Rooney (Support Staff)

As always, our class teachers will be meeting together to ensure a smooth handover is made between classes.

As you are aware, we are saying goodbye to some staff this year who are moving onto new posts and we would like to say a huge thank you to them for all their hard work in what has been a challenging year. We will also be welcoming new staff members to the Hawthornden family and as soon as we know their names, we will let you know.

Staff Leaving

Mrs Shelma Liddle – we would like to say a massive thank you and very sad goodbye to Mrs Liddle who is leaving us for another post in Midlothian. Mrs Liddle has been a huge part of our school community for many years and she will be very much missed by staff and children. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Liddle a fond farewell and every success in her new post.

New / Returning staff

Mrs Riches is returning from her maternity leave to work part-time
NQT – Miss Erin Murray
Our NQT, Miss Skye McLaughlan will return in August

Specialist Teachers

Music – Mrs Althea Stentiford
Art – Miss Gemma Goodwin
PE – TBC

On Friday 11th June and Thursday 17th June, we are planning to have a 'moving on session' for our children. On these days, children will have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers and new class mates (if applicable). Due to COVID restrictions, we plan for this to happen outside. Pupils will be taken to their new teacher and spend some time with their new teacher, getting to know them. As our staffing has not changed very much, the majority of children may already know who their new teacher is already but it is always nice to meet them and spend a little time with them before the summer break.

As ever if you have any questions, please get in touch so we can help.

Kind Regards

Jackie Mellon
Headteacher