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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely fortunate at John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery that we have a hard working, dedicated team of staff all of whom will be remaining with us in September except for Mrs Inci who is going to train as a teacher and Mr Simpson who is taking up his first teaching post at another school in the county. We wish them both all the very best and thank them for their valuable contributions to John Bunyan.

We are now able to announce our staffing for the new academic year; there will be three classes in each year group from Foundation Stage to year 6, and two nursery sessions. All classes will be supported by our dedicated team of learning support assistants. The new classes are listed overleaf.

Mrs Ledwith, Mrs Nicholls and myself will work across all year groups. Mrs Jagger will continue as Inclusion Manager/SENCo across the school. Mrs Ledwell and Mrs McManus will also be working across the school supporting classes. Mrs Mann will continue to deliver music, Mr Hazelwood dance, Mr Ledwith maths groups in upper school. We will also be welcoming back practitioners from Mercury Theatre who work with year groups in rotation throughout the year.

#### **Transition Arrangements**

Following the success of our transition arrangements in 2018 and 2019, we will follow a similar pattern for the last three days of term. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, after school, teachers will move to their new classrooms ready to welcome children on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Staff will be on hand to welcome children on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July and help them settle with their new teachers. We hope that by carrying out our transition this way children will feel secure and happy in their new classes and nobody will feel anxious during the summer break anticipating the return to their new class in September. Some of our year 6 children will be attending summer schools run by secondary schools and others will be engaged in a range of activities which include an art project and a sports afternoon. Year 6 will meet in the key stage 2 hall.

**School will finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

#### **'Oi! Get off our Train' whole school project!**

During transition days the children will be reading a wonderful book called 'Oi! Get off our Train' by John Burningham. The book explores the important environmental theme of endangered animals, giving readers lots to think about and discuss.

We had so hoped to invite you all into school for end of term celebrations but unfortunately this is not possible. However all classes have planned to do something special in school **on the 14<sup>th</sup> July** and a special picnic lunch menu will follow:

Foundation Stage – Beach Day - Wear shorts and T shirts and bring a towel.

Year 1 – Pyjama Party – please come dressed in PJs

Year 2 – Wear colourful clothes and be ready for our 'Bug Ball'

Year 3 – Wear summer clothes ready for our Bunyanite Garden Party

Year 4 – Wear summer clothes ready for our Under our Feet Party

Year 5 – Non uniform day – Viking Adventures!

Year 6 – See separate letter re arrangements.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during this very difficult year. Your children have all been fabulous in adapting to the many changes we have had to make in order to ensure everybody's safety. We are very proud of the achievements of each and every one of them.

As our Year 6 children move onto the next phase of their education, we wish them all the very best and hope that they carry with them the values of John Bunyan and always try to be caring, respectful, fair and make great choices. We hope that they will come back and share their successes with us.

Yours sincerely,

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<u>Year group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class name</u>	<u>Previous teacher</u>
<b>FOUNDATION STAGE</b> <b>Head Mrs Denny</b>			
Nursery	Mrs Denny am Mrs Wright pm		N/A
F	Mrs Turner	Pines	N/A
F	Mrs Adams	Maples	N/A
F	Mrs Bennet ( Mrs Denny 1 day per week)	Hawthorns	N/A
<b>LOWER SCHOOL –</b> <b>Head Mrs Thatcher</b>			
1	Mrs Wooder	Firs	Mrs Turner
1	Mrs Cutmore/ Mrs Burnett	Elms	Mrs Bennet
1	Mrs Whittaker	Sycamores	Mrs Adams
2	Mr Shean	Conifers	Mrs Cutmore/ Mrs Christian
2	Mrs Ellis ( Mrs Thatcher 1 day per week)	Oaks	Mrs Whittaker
2	Mrs Murphy (Mrs Thatcher 1 day per week)	Willows	Mrs Wooder
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> <b>Head Mrs Powell</b>			
3	Miss Hadley	Spruces	Mr Shean
3	Miss Rice	Chestnuts	Mrs Murphy
3	Mrs Hooper	Birches	Mrs Thatcher
4	Mrs Claxton	Poplars	Mrs Hooper
4	Miss Cunningham	Rowans	Miss Hadley
4	Mrs Powell/ Mrs Thackeray	Junipers	Miss Rice
<b>UPPER SCHOOL</b> <b>Head Mrs Bower</b>			
5	Mrs Mwondela	Cedars	Mrs Claxton
5	Mrs Watkins	Larches	Mrs Thackeray
5	Mrs Clements	Elders	Mrs Bower
6	Miss Stiff	Hazels	Miss Stiff
6	Mr Cullum	Beeches	Mr Cullum
6	Mrs Bower/ Mrs Lewis	Yews	Mrs Mwondela