

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have shared with the children their class arrangements for next year. On Tuesday they will spend a day with their new teacher in their new classroom to help make the transition as smooth as possible in September.

As a small rural school with mixed age classes, each year we consider carefully our pupil numbers and the demands of the curriculum at each stage, when making decisions about how we structure our classes. Due to the range of sizes of our year groups, this can and does change most academic years. The planned structure for the academic year 2024 to 2025 is as follows:

| Class         | Year Group           | Main Teacher | Base                                      |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Beech         | Reception and Year 1 | Mrs Stoker   | Dunbury Infants (Winterborne Kingston)    |
| Oak           | Year 2               | Miss O'Brien | Dunbury Juniors (Winterborne Whitechurch) |
| Cherry        | Year 3               | Mrs Culy     | Dunbury Juniors (Winterborne Whitechurch) |
| Elm           | Year 4               | Mrs De Bardi | Dunbury Juniors (Winterborne Whitechurch) |
| Golden Willow | Year 5               | Mrs Duerdoth | Dunbury Juniors (Winterborne Whitechurch) |
| Scots Pine    | Year 6               | Mr Morgan    | Dunbury Juniors (Winterborne Whitechurch) |

Across the school, most classes will come together as a mixed age class in the afternoons at different points in the week for some of the wider curriculum subjects. This reflects the structure we have in school at present.

#### Applying for school transport - Current Year 1.

If you are a parent of a current year 1 child who is eligible for school transport, please apply for this using this [link](#). **We have been asked by Dorset transport to ask all parents eligible to apply, even if they currently have transport as the school base location will be changing.** They have emphasised to us, that they need this information as soon as possible to ensure smooth transition in September.

#### Transition Day

Transition day is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be the chance for your child /children to spend time in their new classroom with their teacher. This will be for the whole day to avoid children having to travel between the bases. **We are unable to redirect the buses on this day and therefore ask for your support in transporting children from current year 1 to the Junior base for the day.** If this poses a difficulty for you or you feel able to offer a lift to another child, please contact the office.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact us through the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Emma Richardson

Headteacher