

# Woolston Community Primary School



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20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Class Staffing arrangements 2018 – 2019**

I am pleased to be able to announce our staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

Reception:	Miss Sutherland	
Year 1:	Mr Jones	
Year 2:	Mrs Waton/Mrs Hughes	Mrs Waton Mon/Tues/Weds, Mrs Hughes Thurs/Fri
Year 3:	Miss O'Neill/Mrs Coen	(Miss O'Neill is joining us from an 'Outstanding' school in Warrington. Mrs O'Neill is an experienced teacher with a proven track record and I am delighted that she is joining our school). Miss O'Neill Mon, Tues, Weds AM and Thurs AM, Mrs Coen Weds PM, Thursday PM and all day Friday.
Year 4:	Mrs Cooper	
Year 5:	Mrs Stowell (Acting Deputy Headteacher 2018 – 2019)/Mrs Hughes	(Mrs Stowell is currently a teacher and deputy headteacher at an 'Outstanding' school in Warrington. Mrs Stowell is an outstanding teacher and I am also delighted that she has chosen to join our school) Mrs Stowell Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday, Mrs Hughes all day Wednesday.
Year 6:	Miss Hughes	
Owlets (EYFS/KS1 Designated Provision for ASD)		Miss Crawford
Owls (KS2 Designated Provision for ASD)		Miss Parker (going on maternity leave Oct 2018) Mrs Cook (will cover the maternity leave until Miss Parker returns. Miss Cook is an experienced and qualified teacher and we are delighted she is taking on this responsibility)

You will notice that there are three staff who are not mentioned above. Mrs Buckley has reached retirement age and after 29 years of dedicated service to Woolston Community Primary School she is going to have a well-earned rest! I would sincerely like to thank Mrs Buckley for her huge contribution to the school over so many years. I personally have enjoyed working with her over the last 18 months and I know she will be very much missed by the staff, the children and the wider community. Mrs Buckley has a particular flair for the arts and we are currently chatting to her about helping the school out every now and again with arts based activities (so I am hoping you might see her every now and again next year!).

Mrs King (our Year 6 teacher) is relocating to be closer to her parents in-law in Lancashire, which will help with child care commitments in the future. Mrs King is also a member of the senior leadership team and a staff governor. Mrs King is a dedicated and excellent teacher who has shown exceptional commitment and high levels of skill in all of the roles she has taken on within the school over the last 5 years. I am confident that the staff coming into the school are highly skilled and will step up to the mark filling some of the gaps left by Mrs King nevertheless her commitment to the school will be sorely missed.



The next bit of news is incredibly exciting for the individual concerned but might come as a shock to our community. Last week I was approached by the Local Authority and asked if I would release Mrs Bentley on a secondment for a year (as Head of School) to support a school in Warrington that is currently experiencing difficulties. It is a huge compliment to Mrs Bentley that they have specifically requested her for this role and it is also a huge compliment to our school that they feel we are in a position to allow this to happen. I am really excited for Mrs Bentley and I feel she is both ready for this opportunity and she has very much earned it. I could not have wished for a better deputy headteacher since starting in January 2017 but I know that she is ready to prove herself at a higher level than her current post. This is NOT a goodbye as it is only a secondment at this stage. I will of course still provide any support to Mrs Bentley that she asks for in this new role and she may still pop in every now and again to say hello. The Local Authority initially asked for Mrs Bentley to start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (last Monday!!!) but I have said the very earliest she can start is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Mrs Hughes (who has been teaching in Year 6) has agreed to cover on a Thursday and Friday in Year 2 until the end of this term and this cover will start from next week.

I know you will join with me in wishing Mrs Buckley a very happy and well earned retirement, wishing Mrs King all the very best for the next stages of her career and wishing Mrs Bentley every success in regard to the opportunity she has been given (please remember this is a secondment and if Mrs Bentley hates it I have told her I want her back☺!).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Burgess', written in a cursive style.

Craig Burgess  
Headteacher