

16th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We have pleasure in sharing the new class arrangements with you. Your child has visited their new class today and spent time with their teacher and the adult(s) who will be supporting them from September 2024. From September, you should drop off and collect your child at their new entrance/exit. Alongside this communication, you will receive a further letter from your child's new class teacher with information about the adults in their team and a brief curriculum overview.

Below is a list of staffing for September that we thought you would find useful.

Class	Teacher	Additional Staffing/Information
F1	Miss A. Baranski (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs S. Lees (Thursday & Friday) Miss Baranski and Mrs Lees work alternate Wednesdays.	*Due to low numbers, our nursery will be open in the morning only during the Autumn Term
F2	Miss J. Pell, EYFS Leader of Learning Mrs K Abbott	
Class 1	Mrs M. Wheelwright, Leader of Learning in KS1	PPA cover in the Autumn Term will be covered by Miss Baranski, Mrs Lees and Mrs Brayshaw Mr Gorner will provide sports coaching across school Mr M. Armitage and Mr J. Roberts from Barnsley Music Service will teach music to Y5/6 on a Monday afternoon
Class 2	Mr C. Balmforth	
Class 3	Mrs E. Roberts (4 days) and Mrs E. Powell (Thursday)	
Class 4	Miss L. Milner	
Class 5	Miss C. Jewkes (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Mrs R. Gollick (Thursday & Friday) SENDCO	
Class 6	Mrs C. Belfield, Leader of Learning in Y3/4	
Class 7	Miss A. Scholes	
Class 8	Mrs G. Webb (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Mr J. Wheelwright (Thursday & Friday) Deputy Headteacher	
Class 9	Miss J. Stanley, Leader of Learning in Y5/6	

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Baranski will be staying with us in September, working four days as part of the EYFS team. Miss Baranski will work primarily in F1, sharing responsibility for the children with Mrs Lees, but she will also work on a Thursday in F2 alongside Miss Pell.

We are also pleased to share with you that we will be joined by two additional LSAs in September. Mrs Illingsworth, a familiar face who has worked here previously, will be rejoining our staffing team, and we also welcome Mr Poxton. We hope you will join us in welcoming them both to Athersley South. Ms Hayward will also be staying with us next year.

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Mrs Bates at the end of term. Mrs Bates has worked with us on and off, for a number of years, and for the past twelve months has covered classes while teachers receive their PPA entitlement. Mrs Bates has been an enthusiastic and valued member of our team and has worked across school, with many of our children. We hope to work with her again in the future. We would also like to thank Mrs Hall who has worked in F2 on a Thursday since Christmas. It is always lovely to have Mrs Hall with us and we are grateful for the contribution she has made.

All teachers in school have an entitlement to planning, preparation and assessment time within the school week. From September 2024, Mrs Brayshaw will continue to provide some of this cover for teachers. In the Autumn Term, due to nursery only opening in the morning, Miss Baranski and Mrs Lees will also provide some of this cover.

Ahead of September, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns about your child you should, in the first instance, contact your child's class teacher who has the most thorough knowledge of your child. If your concerns remain, you should make an appointment to speak with the Leader of Learning with responsibility for your child's year group (see above). If you feel that these two members of staff have not been able to assist you sufficiently, you should contact either Mr Wheelwright or Mrs Sanderson.

Please can I also remind you that children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September. Arrangements for children who will be in F1 (nursery) and F2 in September vary slightly to the main school and you should refer to the separate communication that you have been sent in relation to children in F1 and F2.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you. Firstly, to ALL of the fantastic staff at ASPS who are committed to the children of Athersley South. They really do work tirelessly to ensure your children have the best possible opportunities and the right level of support and they work together as a wonderful team. I am immensely grateful for them all and the work that they do. I would also like to thank you for your continued support which is very much appreciated. While we are all looking forward to a summer break, I also look forward to the next school year and know that together we can continue to achieve great things for the children of Athersley South.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Sanderson