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Dear Parents / Carers

As we enjoy the summer term, we are also busy planning the start of the next school year so wanted to give you all an update on the plans we have made.

In September we will be welcoming our new Headteacher, Mrs Bartlett, who is very excited to join us and already working closely with Miss Walker and our school Governors. While she is already meeting staff and children there is still much for her to learn, and the autumn term is going to be a busy one for her! In order to support Mrs Bartlett and the whole Federation, we have arranged for Miss Walker to work alongside her as the Acting Deputy Head and for Mrs S Davis to support them both as the Acting Assistant Head. This team will work closely with the Governors and myself to shape the direction our school will take and ensure stability as Mrs Bartlett starts her Winklebury journey.

Unfortunately welcomes are usually accompanied by goodbyes and we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bailey and Miss King who have not only been invaluable this summer term with taking on more responsibilities but throughout their years spent here at Winklebury Federation.

Mrs Bailey has decided to retire from teaching and enjoy travelling and time with her family. This had been planned prior to the news that Mrs Mathlin was leaving us. We wish her lots of fun and exciting journeys, hopefully with postcards for us! Mrs Bailey has been a valued member of the Winklebury community for many years and we will all miss her.

Miss King has also been a key member of the team, appearing in every year group across the Federation from Ducklings upwards. We will also miss her but an opportunity too good to turn down came her way and we wish her the best in a new role in a school much closer to home for her, which will allow her to spend more time with her young daughter. We are sad to see both go but wish them well on their new adventures, and we thank them both for their unwavering support and dedication to Winklebury over the years.

We would like to thank Miss Walker for her work as Interim Head this term and look forward to her continuing support as the Acting Deputy next term. We also look forward to working more closely with Mrs Davis in her new role, which she is already embracing with great enthusiasm. We have had the chance to spend some time with Mrs Bartlett and her passion for Winklebury is a clear to see. Exciting times are ahead, and we are pleased to have such a passionate and enthusiastic team leading us through the Autumn term.

Thank you

Jeannette Meredith
Chair of Governors
Winklebury Federation