

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and made many special memories with your families.

As we return for our final term of the school year, we are thrilled to be entering an incredibly exciting period for East Dene. We have lots of events and celebrations planned over the coming weeks, and we will continue to share full details in our newsletters.

### **Staffing Updates**

We have a few important staffing updates to share with you.

#### **Head of School Appointment**

The school has made the decision to appoint a Head of School, who will work closely alongside myself as Executive Headteacher and Mrs Middleton as Deputy Headteacher. This role has been created to add additional capacity to our leadership team as the school continues to grow and strengthen.

We are delighted to share that we have appointed an outstanding applicant, Mr Knowles, who will officially start in September.

Throughout the summer term, Mr Knowles will be visiting school so that pupils, families and staff have the opportunity to meet him. I am personally incredibly excited to begin working with him; he is an extremely talented leader who will make a wonderful addition to our school community.

#### **Miss Bright-Jones**

With sadness, I need to share that Miss Bright-Jones has decided to leave East Dene. We want to thank her sincerely for all her efforts and contributions this term.

We are very pleased that Miss Keyworth will be teaching the class throughout the upcoming half-term. This will ensure consistency and high-quality teaching for the pupils.

#### **New Teacher Appointment**

We are also delighted to confirm that Miss Meroff will be joining us as a full-time teacher from September. She has been on placement with us this term and has shown herself to be an exceptional teacher. We are thrilled she will be part of our team next year.

### **Class Teachers for 2026–2027**

We will share class teacher information for the next academic year after the May half-term. This will allow us to plan and communicate transition days so that pupils feel confident and prepared for their move to their new class.

### **A Very Exciting Time for East Dene**

This is a truly exciting time for our school, and we are so grateful for the continued support of our families. Personally, I feel this has been our best year yet - from our new playground, to high-quality teaching across school, improved attendance, and excellent pupil behaviour.

We are so proud of our pupils and all they have achieved so far. We cannot wait for an amazing summer term full of learning, celebration, and community.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Kind Regards

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