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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Eagles

We have obviously found ourselves in the position of needing to replace Mrs Holt in Eagles. We are very happy to inform parents that we have been able to secure a very experienced Key Stage 2 teacher to begin in the spring term (January 8th). Matthew Stinchcombe is currently a year 4/5/6 teacher with 8 years of experience in mixed-year group classes. He has successfully led KS2 SATs and was passionate about the wellbeing of children in his care during interview. He has been able to arrange transition with Mrs Holt this term and will meet all of the children. In the spring term, we will also offer parents the opportunity to come in and meet Mr Stinchcombe and this will include year 4 parents who I am sure are keen to see what the future holds.

In order to support Eagles in the best way, we have also moved Mrs Fowler to Eagles as the dedicated class TA, with Mrs Phillips, who has built a wonderful relationship with children in Owls, moving the other way to become the dedicated TA in the Owls class. The reason behind this is twofold, Mrs Fowler has worked with the Eagles children for a long time including through nurture and has a wonderful relationship with them all; this will support them through this period of change also Mrs Fowler has the experience of Gretton to support Mr Stinchcombe settling in. Mrs Fowler will still use her afternoons to support those children identified through their My Plans. Mrs Phillips is an outstanding teaching assistant, and will support Mr Bridges in helping to embed the new Literacy Tree curriculum and build confidence across the curriculum.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any issues or concerns and remember that we are a small school family, all of the children will still be engaged with all adults at some point. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Sallis
Headteacher