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Staff Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have some staff news to share with you. As some of you may know, Mrs Hinds left us at half term after twenty two years as a lunchtime supervisor and then a highly skilled teaching assistant working mainly in Jungle Team. Mrs Hinds was a brilliantly organised and outstanding teacher of phonics and early literacy. She has helped so many of our Bransgore pupils to read and write. It will be very difficult to find someone to replace Mrs Hinds but I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her all the very best as she moves into a well-deserved retirement.

I am also sorry to tell you that Miss Thompson will be leaving us at Easter. Miss Thompson has been with us since she was a newly qualified teacher and she learned to teach with us as a trainee teacher at our SCITT. Miss Thompson is a really kind, gentle and caring teacher who has taught our early years and key stage one children. We are really sad to be saying goodbye and I hope that you will all join me in wishing Miss Thompson all the very best in her future career.

Our plan for after Easter when Miss Thompson moves on will be that Miss Cox will move from Lions and Tigers to Panther Class. We feel this will be best as Miss Cox is a very experienced key stage one teacher and all the children know her well so they will feel secure and will be able to make great progress until the end of the school year. A very safe pair of hands.

Mrs Wynn-Hughes will step up in Lions and Tigers and work alongside Mr De-Lancy Green for the summer term. Mrs Wynn Hughes already works full time in Lions and Tigers so knows all the children, the routines and systems and so the children will again feel safe and familiar with the adults working alongside them.

We think this is a good plan which will ensure that all children feel safe and supported and avoids the need to bring in someone unfamiliar or new which we do not feel would be the best thing given the issues our little ones have faced over the past few months.

Keeping things steady and settled feels like the best approach.

Best wishes and stay safe and well,

Mr. Brown