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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that after Christmas, Mrs Richardson, our highly- respected Year 4 teacher and school Special Needs Co-ordinator will be leaving Village Primary School. Mrs Richardson has decided to move back to her childhood home of Jersey to start a new chapter of her life with her family. She has successfully secured a promotion as a deputy head teacher and will take her many ideas and skills learned in England over to Jersey. We will be very sorry to see Mrs Richardson leave, as she is a very skilled and experienced teacher who has contributed fantastically to our school and community since 2013. I had the pleasure of teaching alongside Mrs Richardson in 2016-2017, when she was Miss Miere and saw at first hand just how dedicated she was to improving the lives and educational outcomes for our children. She has taught children from Year 2 all the way through to Year 6 and will be a welcome addition to the Jersey educational sector. We wish her and her young family all the very best for the future and thank her for all her hard work over the last eight years with us. Whilst I wish Jade every success in her new life, equally I shall be very sorry to see her go.

After Christmas, Year 4 will have a new teacher. Before half term the governors, Mr Davies and I appointed a new member of the teaching staff after a rigorous process of interviews, lesson observations and tasks. The children were part of the process and their voice was heard during the recruitment, which is very important to us. The new teacher that we appointed is called Mr Hanson, who we are sure will be a wonderful addition to our teaching staff. Mr Hanson has high standards for his academic work and is also a keen sportsman, with a particular interest in rugby.

Mrs Richardson's departure also means that school needs a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. This is a vital role in school because it involves co-ordinating outside agencies and health services, as well as sourcing provision for our children. Over the years, Mrs Richardson has secured training and extra funding for our special needs children which has been vital in ensuring their continued progress. To keep up this good work Miss Begley has been appointed as our new SENDCO, commencing in January. Miss Begley has previously carried out this role in school therefore has gained vital experience in the role, which is reassuring for children and families alike. Before Mrs Richardson leaves, she will fully communicate and hand over to both Mr Hanson for her Year 4 class and to Miss Begley in relation to her special needs role thus ensuring that all transitions are smooth for the children.



'Staff and Governors are committed to keeping children safe'.

As ever, if you would like to discuss any of this in more detail, please feel free to give school a call or speak to me outside. We pride ourselves in being a community- minded school with a passion for our local area and our children, which is why we are always open to parental communication.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Birtwhistle', written in a cursive style.

R Birtwhistle
Head Teacher.