

Letter for parents and carers of children currently in Year 4, moving in to Year 5 in September 2016.

7th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers of children currently in Year 4,

It was good to see so many of you at the meeting last night, where we shared our plans for September. I felt it was important to follow up the meeting with a letter as I know not everyone was able to attend. I felt it was also important to clarify what we discussed.

As explained in the meeting, after much thought and careful consideration, we have come to the decision to merge the two Year 4 classes together when they become Year 5 in September.

The Year 5 class (Herons) will have one consistent teacher full time and an additional teacher every morning. There will also be a consistent Teaching Assistant with them each morning. In the afternoons they will have a teacher and a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) also. These adults will all be members of staff they are familiar with- they are very much looking forward to teaching them. The children will find out about their new teachers when all the children in the school find out about their teachers for the next academic year (next Monday 11th July).

As we discussed in the meetings, this arrangement will offer many opportunities for the children, including:

- Team teaching
- Working in smaller groups (there will be another classroom for us to use)
- Worked in mixed ability or ability groups

The children will benefit from having very strong teachers and we are confident the children will have a very successful year.

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