

All Saints CE (VC) First School and Busy Bees Pre-School

Caring, Succeeding, Flourishing,
Whilst carrying our values in our HEARTS,
I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength (Philippians 4:13)

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Dear Parents,

September Class Structure – Update

Following my recent letters about our move to a two-class structure from September, I am writing to share a further update on how teaching will be organised, particularly for our older pupils.

Over recent weeks, we have continued to refine our curriculum planning and have taken into account the helpful feedback received from parents. As part of this process, we have looked carefully at the size and needs of each year group. Our current Year 3/4 cohort is significantly larger than the other mixed-age groups, and this has been an important factor in shaping our arrangements for September.

With this in mind, we are pleased to confirm the following teaching structure:

- **Locomotives Class (Nursery – Year 1)** will continue to be taught by **Mrs Griffin**.
- **Spires Class (Year 2 – Year 4)** will be taught by **Mrs Devenport and Mrs Abbotts**.
 - To ensure balanced class sizes and appropriate teaching for all pupils, Year 4 will work as a separate group for core subjects each morning (Maths, English and Reading).
 - Monday – Wednesday mornings: taught by Mr Elliott-Hancock
 - Thursday – Friday mornings: taught by Mrs Abbotts
 - During this time, Years 2 and 3 will be taught together by Mrs Devenport.

This structure allows us to keep group sizes fair across the school while ensuring that all pupils receive focused, age-appropriate teaching in the mornings and continue to benefit from the wider mixed-age curriculum in the afternoons during the rest of the week.

A reminder that next week, the children will spend time in their new classes and meet the staff they will be working with in September. A couple of notices for these days:

- Current Year 3 pupils will take part in Forest School on Monday afternoon.
- Locomotives Class will have their usual Forest School session on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

With warm regards,

David Elliott-Hancock
Headteacher

