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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well. Hopefully we will see some warmer weather soon!

It's been a busy and lovely time at school with planned trips, forest schools as well as lots of successful sporting events; preparations are currently underway for many more exciting things just around the corner.

Hopefully you have been able to catch up with your children's life at school via the class blogs which are available on our website or our Facebook page. These continue to be regularly updated and show the latest events that are happening in and around school.

Staffing news

- Congratulations Miss. Simpson!

I am sure you will join the staff and I in congratulating Miss. Simpson who has successfully been appointed as our Head of School from September. Well done and well deserved.

- Congratulations to Mrs. Doyle!

Huge congratulations to Mrs. Doyle, our established teacher in Class 1, who is expecting her second child during the summer. We're all looking forward to meeting the new addition to the family. Mrs. Doyle's last day will be Friday 28th June. Please rest assured that the wonderful Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rodgers will continue to teach in Class 1 for the remainder of the summer term.

- Welcome back!

The children and staff are looking forward to welcoming back Mr. Williams back to St Giles as a class teacher in September, working with our oldest children. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Eyley-Jones who will be returning from maternity leave in July.

- Best wishes to Mrs. Rogers

I am sure you will join all our staff and governors, past and present, in thanking Mrs. Rogers and wishing her all the very best as she retires from teaching and leaves St. Giles this summer. We wish her every happiness in her retirement and thank her for all that she has done for the children at St Giles.

- Keep in touch Mrs. Holanda

We are also saying goodbye, for now, to Mrs. Holanda, who is looking forward to teaching part-time at Bakewell CE Infants, which is one of our family of schools, from September. We are welcoming Miss. Hall to St. Giles (from Bakewell CE Infants) where she will teach in Class 2 full-time from September.

We will continue to see Mrs. Holanda at St. Giles as she continues to work with our children and staff as a subject lead for History.

Class Structure for 2024 – 2025

Please find below details of our classes for the next academic year. I am really delighted to share that, despite our small size, we are still able to maintain four classes across the school. Fingers crossed we (finally) get approval from the Department for Education for our planned nursery (although this process has been further slowed due to the period of purdah which we are now in).

	Class 1	**Class 2**	**Class 3**	**Class 4**
	EY	**Year 1 & 2**	**Year 3 & 4**	**Year 5 & 6**
Teacher(s)	Mrs. Taylor	Miss. Hall	Reverend Delafield	Mr. Williams
Support staff	Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Eyley-Jones, Ms. Whithorn, Mrs. Scully			
Inclusion Team	Mrs. Arnold (SENCO), Mrs. Lloyd (Deputy Inclusion Leader) and Mrs. Southall (Family Support Worker)			

Meet the teacher

We would like to invite all of our parents to come into school on **Tuesday 10th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit your child's classroom, see where they sit and meet your child's teacher. During the session your child's teacher will share with you their daily routines and exciting arrangements throughout the school year.

School will be open from 4pm until 6pm for parents and carers to visit their child/ren's classroom where they will be greeted by their class teacher. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. Each teacher will have a short power point which they will be sharing with parents and carers during the evening.

Class 2 – Miss Hall will share her power point at **4pm and 5pm.**

Class 3 – Rev Delafield will share his power point at **4:30pm and 5:30pm.**

Cass 4 – Mr Williams will share his power point at **4:45pm and 5:45pm**

If your child is in Early Years (Class 1) your meet the teacher session will be on **Friday 6th September at 8:45am – 9:15am. (This is the first day of term)**

Transition session/ moving up day:

Morning of Wednesday 3rd July

- Please drop your child/ren off as normal. The children in year 2 will continue to be welcomed at the gate and will walk through the early years playground to their new classroom.
- All children will be dismissed at the end of the school day from their normal classrooms.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children into school and into their new classrooms and seeing our strong staffing structure help all our children settle quickly, and happily, so that they can continue to flourish.

I hope you all enjoy your long weekend and look out for a further letter next week with details about our planned Sports Day, next Friday at 1:15pm. Our wonderful PTFA will be at the finish line with ice pops!

Please don't forget that school is closed to children on Monday 17th June (although all of our teachers will be in school, busy working on assessments).

We look forward to welcoming children back into school when we reopen on Tuesday 18th June.

Kind regards



Ben O'Connell
Headteacher



Bethany Simpson
Head of School