



# Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year really does seem to be moving in fast forward as we head towards our Spring bank holiday. It has been as busy as ever here at Lydgate Junior School. We were all beyond proud of how the Y6's tackled the SATS. The SATS breakfast was a great success and a wonderful way to start each day.

### Staffing Update

Mrs deBrouwer has made the huge decision to retire in the Summer. Mrs deBrouwer has worked at Lydgate Junior School since 2002 and has been a teacher since 1984. Mrs deBrouwer will always be part of Team Lydgate Juniors and we wish her all the best on her new adventures that will start in September, with a well deserved holiday.

### Class Teachers for Next Year

Over the next few weeks will be sorting out teaching staff arrangements for September. Our aim is to inform parents of their child's new teacher(s) by **15th June** so we can have plenty of time to prepare the children before our school transition date which is the **6th July**. On this date all the children will attend their new classes for the day.

### Class Splits

We are aware that there is a mixed view around whether to split classes or not this year. The class splitting system that has happened at Lydgate Junior school is out of sync due to Covid. Changes to classes will come with mixed emotions but we do feel it is the best decision for the children to support their teaching and learning and develop their social skills.

We have decided to split the current Y3's, Y4's and Y5's two ways rather than four ways. We feel this will support the changes socially as the children will be with half their class and it will be a positive change to support everyone's learning. The teachers have worked hard to support an even split of the classes and have taken into account children's needs and social groups.

We are aware this will come with a mixture of emotions for you and your children and we want to support everyone through the change. Please help us to present it as a positive move for our children. We are telling the children today (hopefully, though classes are very busy) that we are splitting classes two ways. Our plan is to inform parents on the 15th June which class your child is in.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Rachel Hurding**  
Headteacher



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