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Staffing Update

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you that Miss Jo Brocklehurst is taking up a new teaching post in Yorkshire from January 2021 and will therefore be leaving us at the end of this term. Apart from being a great teacher and valued member of the leadership team, Miss Brocklehurst has been a wonderful colleague and I know she will be sorely missed by the whole Longstone community. We wish her lots of luck in her new life in Yorkshire and with her new job and we will make the most of her while we've still got her for a bit! Miss Brocklehurst will be sharing this news with Dahl class via 'Zoom' today (Friday 6 November).

A personal message from Miss Brocklehurst:

Dear parents and children,

I wanted to write to you personally to say that I will be leaving Longstone School at the end of this term. The reason for this is that I am moving up to Yorkshire at Christmas and (although I considered it) the commute would just be too much!! I am going to be teaching a Year 5 class in a much bigger school and am looking forward to the new experiences that will give me. I have absolutely loved teaching at Longstone and I will be going with many, many fond memories. I feel so grateful to have been such a big part of some of your children's school lives and I am truly going to miss you all very much.

Thank you for your contribution to my wonderful time here.

Miss B

As a result, we have recruited Miss Hannah Fox as the new Dahl teacher from January 2021. We were fortunate to get a large number of applications for the role and were really pleased to secure Miss Fox for the position.

A personal message from Miss Fox:

Dear parents and children,

Hello! My name is Miss Hannah Fox and I am so excited to be a part of the Longstone family and, more importantly, Dahl's new class teacher! I would like to begin by telling you a bit more about myself. I graduated earlier this year from the University of Cumbria with a First Class Honours Degree in Primary Education. I was born and raised in Lancaster and have just recently moved to Derbyshire. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, fell-walking and baking.

I plan on making the most of our beautiful surroundings, engaging the children with our fantastic curriculum but most of all, making sure everyone is a happy, healthy and successful learner.

In these current times especially, communication with parents is essential and I hope that we can work together to help your child reach their full potential. If you have any concerns, worries or questions, please feel free to contact me at school or come for a socially distant chat!

I look forward to meeting you and your child soon and I know we are going to have a great year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Fox

Miss Fox will be meeting us all on Monday 9th November, when she will be teaching Dahl for the day, before Miss Brocklehurst's return on Tuesday 10th November. Miss Fox will be spending some more time with the class and Miss Brocklehurst in the coming weeks to ensure a successful handover in readiness for her starting in January 2021. Please feel free to go and say hello and introduce yourself if you see her on the yard.

As a result of Miss Brocklehurst leaving, we are currently reviewing the structure of the senior leadership team and will keep you informed once decisions have been reached.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan
Acting Executive Headteacher