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Dear Parents,

The end of the school year is very nearly upon us and I know we are all hoping for a return to normality in September. As I have previously said, we are currently reviewing our risk assessments in line with the latest guidance and will send more detail about exactly how school will look as soon as we can. It may be that some of these decisions are made after Friday but we will continue to send letters as text links when needed throughout the holidays so please make sure that you keep checking texts. If you don't receive our texts please contact Mrs Smith.

Staffing

We have some staffing changes in September, some of which you have already been informed about, and here is an overview.

New staff

- Miss Brooke – nursery teacher
- Miss Anderson – class 3 (Miss Anderson is not completely new as she was with us last year covering Mrs Barrett's maternity leave)
- Miss Norton – deputy head – shared with Cherry Tree

Staff leaving us

We have two staff who will not be class teachers here next year but they are still remaining within our school family and will be in regular contact. We wish them well and are sure that you will join us in that.

- Mrs Allan – will be working across Mill Dam and Cherry Tree so will still be leading on our phonics provision here. She will be in school at least one day each week.
- Miss Daley – is taking up a full time teaching post at Cherry Tree.

Transition

We can't operate normal transition arrangements this year but each teacher will be meeting with their new class in school for a short time tomorrow. As we have some children and bubbles isolating we are currently setting up new class teams portals. Your child's current log in will work for their new class team. Each teacher will have a time tomorrow when they will hold a transition live lesson – this will replace one of the normal live lessons for those currently isolating. All children who are isolating should be accessing live or recorded lessons or the prepared work on teams. Attendance has been very poor for these recently. Please make sure that they do this and that they attend the transition lesson. The times for these are:

- New reception children – 2.30pm
- New Y1 children – 2pm
- New Y2 children – 1.30pm
- New Y3 children – 11.30am
- New Y4 children – 10am
- New Y5 children – 10.30 am
- New Y6 children – 11 am

Year 6 leavers

Obviously, we aren't able to hold our usual leavers' events this year but the children will still be having a good send-off within school. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success at high school. They have been an absolute credit during their time at Mill Dam and particularly during this challenging period.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs S Thompson
Executive Headteacher.