



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers of our Year 1 children,

Year 1 staffing change

We are writing to let you know that Mrs Oliver, who teaches Year 1 on Thursday afternoons and all day on Fridays, has had to take sudden leave for family reasons. It is an exciting time for her and her family, and we hope you will join us in wishing them well. We appreciate that this news may come as a surprise, as Mrs Oliver is a much-loved member of our staff team. The children adore her, and she has done so much for those in her care that we know she will be greatly missed by all.

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Sherwood will be taking over the Year 1 teaching role on Thursday afternoons and all day on Fridays. Mrs Driver will continue to teach the class, Monday to Thursday. Mrs Sherwood is an experienced teacher who already knows our school, our families, and the children extremely well. She taught at our school for many years before taking on her current role in the school office, and she frequently covers teachers' classes when staff are on training or absent. Mrs Sherwood has already spent some time in the Year 1 classroom getting to know the routines and reconnecting with the children to ensure the smoothest possible transition. We know that your lovely children are in very safe hands when she takes over next Thursday.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Oliver for all she has done for our school. We wish her and her family the very best at this special time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Rosaleen Beaver
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