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Headteacher

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Staffing Updates

As we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Gogarty who began her maternity leave during our last Friday assembly, it seemed a good time to update you with a few staffing changes. We are waiting with baited breath to hear of the safe arrival of Mrs Gogarty's first baby who is due any time soon.

Mrs Saunders gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Sunday 21st October, weighing 6lb 10oz who they've named Benjamin. We were all thrilled that she brought him in for cuddles two weeks ago and it was lovely to see her and find out about their new life as a family of four.

Mrs Steel's second child is due early in the new year so she will be leaving us at the end of this term to start her maternity leave. Miss Bannister will be going to another school for the first part of the spring term and will be replaced by another school direct trainee who will be placed in Rabbit class with Mrs Brown. Mrs Barley will increase her class teaching commitment to include Wednesday and Mrs Bushell will cover Monday and Tuesday in Deer class until Miss Bannister returns from her second placement.

Mrs Groves left us at half term to take up a position in another school. We are thrilled that Mrs Malyon has joined the team as our New Reading Support Assistant. Mrs Malyon is very experienced and passionate about supporting reading and will be making an appearance in all year groups from Reception to Year 6!

This week we are welcoming Mrs Whitfield to our staff team as our new, temporary Literacy Support Specialist. Mrs Whitfield will be bringing a wealth of experience and skills to the team and will be working intensively with children in Reception and Year One. She will also be working with children in Year Two.

This term we have welcomed Mr Healy as our new Technical and Media Support Officer. Again, he is very experienced at working in schools with all things technical and media related!

At Christmas we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Easton. Mrs Easton has worked at Wooden Hill, and in other Bracknell schools, for many years and is going to be very much missed by the whole community. She has decided that she no longer wants to be restricted by school holidays to go away and wants to work fewer hours. She won't be far away though as she has taken up a post at The Lookout. We are currently advertising for Mrs Easton's replacement and hope to appoint before the end of term.

In Nursery, Mrs Findlay will be temporarily increasing her hours from January to full time to help support the extra children who join us in the spring and the summer terms. We have also recently appointed Miss Woodward to support the Nursery team and she will be joining us in January.

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Finally, Mrs Andrews has taken on the role of the Reception lead teacher for the remainder of this academic year. I will continue to lead the strategic direction of the Foundation Stage but Mrs Andrews should be able answer most questions relating to the day to day running of Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lagares', with a horizontal line underneath.

Joanna Lagares
Headteacher