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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Federation over the last year, especially during the last few months! We are extremely grateful. Despite the set back of Coronavirus, we have been delighted with the progress we have made this year and the many opportunities provided for the children. As we continue with our final half term of this academic year, we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the staffing structure for next year.

We are very fortunate across the Federation to have an exceptional team of highly skilled staff who continue to want to be part of what the Federation has to offer – they really have no idea how brilliant they are. As our teachers and wider staff team grow within their professional development, we want to provide them with challenge and opportunity. As a result, we have been looking to carefully match staff skill to the dynamics of each class across the Federation and affect some positive changes with the children at the heart of all we do.

Farewells

This year, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Shynn as she heads into her retirement. Mrs Shynn has been an integral part of the Federation since its creation. She has been a driving force in school improvement, an excellent teacher and has given so much to the two school communities and children. We will miss her terribly although we know that it is time for her to enjoy her retirement. We are sure she will be popping in to visit us!

We also say farewell to Mrs Porter, who is also embarking upon her retirement. Mrs Porter has been a familiar face as Admin Manager at Shalfleet C.E. Primary for nearly 30 years! She has more recently worked at Yarmouth C.E. Primary too. We will miss Mrs Porter's attention to detail, her organisation and thank her for her dedication to the Federation.

We know you will join us in wishing them both the very best as they move into the next part of their adventure!

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Leadership

As Mrs Shynn is leaving, we are pleased to announce the return of Mrs Westhorpe from her maternity leave, after the birth of her baby boy. Mrs Westhorpe is going to be the Federation Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Behaviour and Management and EYFS which is made up out of our pre schools and Reception classes. Mrs Westhorpe will work closely alongside myself to drive Federation improvement. We are so pleased to have her back!

We are also excited to announce a new layer in our Leadership Structure with the appointment of Duty Lead positions on each site. The Duty Leads will drive aspects of Federation improvement and be on call in the absence of the Head teacher and/or Deputy Head teacher to ensure the smooth running of our schools.

The Duty Lead applicants went through a rigorous interview process and we were delighted to appoint, Mr Roberts as Shalfleet Duty Lead, Mr Cook as Yarmouth Duty Lead and Mrs Smith as Yarmouth Duty Lead for the Freshwater site. We know you will join us in congratulating them in their new positions.

Mrs Collins remains as our Inclusion Manager across the Federation, ably supported by Mrs Eggleton, Inclusion Assistant and Mrs Castle our Family Services Manager.

Federation Moves

We wish Mrs Thompson the very best as she moves to Shalfleet for the next academic year to further her professional experience. We wish to thank her for the phenomenal work she has done here at Yarmouth – we are sure she will be back with us again in future years to come. I know she is really looking forward to returning to the Federation after the birth of her baby girl.

We also wish Ms Heimour all the best as she moved to Shalfleet to develop her professional experience and thank her for her hard work at Yarmouth.

New Faces – Welcome!

We are absolutely delighted to welcome some new faces to the teaching team here at Yarmouth. Having done a superb job of covering Mrs Westhorpe and Mrs Thompson's maternity leave, Mrs Hedley and Miss Parsons will continue to work with us at Yarmouth. They are superb teachers who have really fitted into the Federation ethos – we know the children will be as delighted as we are that they are able to stay.

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We also welcome Mrs Poulton, who is a very experienced teacher, to the school team. Mrs Poulter is very excited to be joining the Federation, she is a Key Stage 1 specialist and loves to be creative! We also welcome Ms Whitehead, who is new to the teaching profession. Ms Whitehead was a student at Shalfleet, we were very impressed with her teaching ability and her drive for children's progress. She cannot wait to start in September!

Go Green!

We are pleased to announce an excellent new initiative we are going to be able to offer the children on all 3 sites. Ms Gates in going to be leading every class in a forest school's session once a week. This alongside Mr McCormack our Sport's Coach will enable the children to be healthy and look after our environment. We are certain the children will really benefit from this.

Yarmouth Teaching Staff:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception – Purple Based in Yarmouth	Mrs Haisell	Ms Sampson (HLTA) (TA support/Intervention R) Ms Bristow Mrs Burton (1:1) Miss Chiverton (1:1)
Year 1 + 2 – Yellow Based in Yarmouth	Mrs Hedley	Mrs Buckett (HLTA) (TA support/Intervention Year 1 + 2) Ms Bristow (1:1)
Year 1 + 2 – Yellow Based initially in Freshwater	Mrs Poulton	Mrs Grieve (TA support/Intervention Year 1 + 2) TA (1 x pm) support/Intervention Year 1 +2
Year 3 + 4 – Blue	Miss Parsons	Mrs Munn (HLTA) (TA support/Intervention Year 3 + 4)
Year 3 + 4 – Blue Based initially in Freshwater	Mrs Smith	TA – TBC TA (1 x pm) support/Intervention Year 3 + 4)
Year 5 + 6 - Green	Mr Cook	Mrs Moran (HLTA) (TA support/Intervention Year 5 + 6) Mrs Lutas (1:1)
Year 5 + 6 – Green Based initially in Freshwater	Ms Whitehead	TA – TBC (TA (2 x pm) support/Intervention Year 5 + 6)

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Not surprisingly this year there will be no traditional Move Up Day, however we will be inviting you and your child to a Google Hangout with their new class teacher. We know the teachers and support staff are very keen to get to know the children so please do look out for further information regarding this. **The invites will be sent out via DOJO.**

We are looking forward to starting a new academic year with our wonderful children and families. We will update you all as to arrangements for September in relation to Covid 19 as soon as we have further direction from the Government.

With warmest regards,

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