



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and children,

It is the end of the school year and the time when we prepare to say goodbye to our year 6 and staff that are leaving for pastures new as well as to begin to plan for the new school year. With the present restriction due to COVID 19 we are not able to give all our staff and year 6 the Bowerham send off, instead we have made plans to do the best we can for them all.

We say goodbye to four member of staff this year Mrs King, Mrs Simpson, Mr Hodder and Mr Connelly.

Mrs King started her teaching career at Bowerham 12 years ago, she has taught in all key stages of school, ably led literacy and more recently was the lead for the local and highly successful 'We are Reading campaign'. Mrs King's drama background has ensured that Bowerhams performances have been memorable; I know there are children all over Lancaster with the most magical memories of their time on stage. Mrs King is moving on to work alongside the Headteacher at Wray teaching Reception.

Mrs Simpson has worked at Bowerham for 28 years, our longest serving member of staff, her dedication and commitment to the community of Bowerham is huge, and she has woven her magic through so many families' lives. During the lockdown Mrs Simpson had time to reflect and thoroughly enjoyed being at home, as a result she made the very difficult decision to retire and hang up her teaching gloves so to speak.

Mr Hodder has most recently been Seconded at Cathedral as an Assistant Headteacher. Because of the impact he has made there, they have offered him a position and he has of course accepted. Mr Hodder started teaching at Bowerham in 2010. He, very quickly made a significant impact, bringing energy and enthusiasm to our school family. We have missed Karl this year but he goes with our love and blessing.

Finally, our lovely and calm Mr C, he is 'off back home', back to be with his family in Ireland. Mr Connelly's mother was never happy that I offered him a job and he stayed, so we are very lucky he has been with us for so long. Mr Connelly started his teaching career as a student teacher in year 3 at Bowerham and latterly in year 4 where he made an excellent partnership with Mrs Dyer. The duo have ensured bespoke teaching for their classes using trips and adventures as their unique learning points. Belfast will be very lucky to have him!

As outstanding educators, all four have touched the lives of so many children. Furthermore, they have played crucial roles in the transformation of Bowerham and we owe them all a debt of gratitude. They will be sorely missed.

We therefore welcome Miss Needham and Mr Morris as now permanent members of the Bowerham family. We also welcome back Miss Maguire, who many of you will remember as a key worker in Reception a couple of years ago. Miss Maguire has completed her teacher training and will begin her career back with her Bowerham family. Additionally, we welcome back Mrs Brayshaw and Miss Beattie as their maternity leave comes to an end. Therefore, our Bowerham family is complete once again.

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*The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration,
inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing*

For the children moving up the their new classes in September please see the table below:

This year's class moving to;	Classes 20-21	Teachers for September 20
New starters	Rec	Miss Culkin
New starters	Rec	Mr Guilfoyle
Rec RC/BK/NN	Year 1	Miss Denison
Rec BG	Year 1	Mrs Gallagher & Miss Maguire
1 AT	Year 2	Mrs Wilkinson
1 CL	Year 2	Mr Thomas
2 LD	Year 3	Mrs Thompson
2 AW	Year 3	Miss Needham
3 VTH	Year 4	Mrs Dyer
3 NN	Year 4	Mr Morris
4 RD	Year 5	Mr Box
4 AC	Year 5	Miss Lloyd
5 DM	Year 6	Mr Haughton
5 SB	Year 6	Miss Bailey

Each staff member will be putting together a video for their new class in preparation for September when we will hopefully return. I wish I could say for certain what is happening, but unfortunately, I am unable to in these ever changing times. If we are still social distancing then we can only offer a morning or an afternoon session of teaching to our non-key worker and vulnerable children. Please see the FAQ's and action recovery plan in the COVID section of our website for our explanations. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email or ring.

Thank you, as ever for your continued support at this challenging time, it has been incredible. Look out for our year 6 leavers assembly at 9.30 on the 16th July on facebook live. For all other information, please keep a constant check of Parentapp, our website, YouTube channel and facebook.

With very best wishes to you all,

Jo Banks and the Bowerham family.