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Dear Parent / Carer

Staffing Update

As we approach the end of Term 1 I thought it would be helpful to update you on some of the staffing changes that have taken place, or are about to take place.

Unfortunately since our return Mrs Williams has been quite unwell. As a temporary measure Mr Rose has been teaching Year 1 on a Tuesday and Wednesday during her absence. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Wilson and I recruited Mrs Helen Carter on Friday and she will take over the job-share of Year 1 from after half term for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Carter will be in school next week to work with the class and get to know them and will be outside at the end of the day with Mr Rose on Tuesday and Wednesday so that you can familiarise yourself with her. I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Williams a speedy recovery and that we hope to see her back at Fir Tree in the future.

As mentioned in the School Newsletter, replacing Mrs Moore when she leaves us at the end of Term 2 has been a priority too. I am pleased to now be able to announce that Mrs Rhiannon Smith will be taking over as the Year 2 Class Teacher after Christmas. Mrs Smith will be coming in one day a week during Term 2 to ensure the transition is smooth for the children, as well as getting to know them too. Mrs Smith will be able to support them in this important year before they take KS1 SATs.

We are currently advertising for a Nursery Teacher to take over from Miss Crewe before Christmas. Miss Crewe will be embarking on a placement at Speenhamland Primary as part of her continued Teacher Training. As always I will endeavour to keep parents informed as soon as possible with the future arrangements, but please rest assured that transition is of upmost importance.

All the staff at Fir Tree Primary School place the welfare of the children as their highest priority. If however you have any queries or concerns please contact your son / daughter's teacher who will be able to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Wood
Associate Headteacher