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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year seems to have passed so quickly and we have had so much to celebrate! We were judged as outstanding by OFSTED and SIAS during our inspections in January and February 2011 and our Apprentice Week and outdoor learning day were huge successes. Thank you to everyone who attended our open afternoon to celebrate our achievements.

From September 2011 – July 2012, there will a few changes to our Senior Leadership Team. Two weeks ago, I was contacted by the Local Authority and asked if I would be able to help a primary school who has been identified as being in challenging circumstances. This school is in need of urgent support with no Head Teacher in place for September. Following a meeting of the Full Governing Body, it has been agreed that I will be taking up a one year secondment from September and Mrs Luke will become the Acting Head Teacher. She will be joined by Mrs King, who will become the Acting Deputy Head for one year.

This is not a decision I have taken lightly. Our school has an extremely strong leadership team and talented staff who are well equipped to move our school forward as we maintain our outstanding judgement. I believe I can make a difference to the children in the other school, whilst knowing that Oveston is in very safe hands.

Please find below, details of our class organisation from September 2011:

Year Group	Class Teacher/s
Reception	Mrs Morris and Mrs Edwards
Year 1	Mrs Vigrass
Year 2	Mrs King
Year 3	Miss Derrick and Mrs French
Year 4	Mrs Vizard
Year 5	Mrs Moore
Year 6	Mr Bonney

We would like to welcome Miss Anna Derrick to our staff team. She will be working in a job share with Mrs French and teaching Year 3 all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs French will then teach the class from Wednesday afternoon. Miss Derrick is looking forward to meeting the class on the class move up day this Thursday at 11am.

Every year I have seen our school grow and develop and I look forward to keeping in touch with Mrs Luke and the school community over the next academic year to hear all about the exciting things that will continue to take place at Oveston. I will miss each and every child while I am away leading the other school and plan to visit regularly to hear about their learning and achievements.

Thank you to all of you, for making our school such a happy and special place to be.

Kind regards,

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about some important developments for our School over the next year.

As you know our recent Ofsted report highlighted our outstanding leadership and made mention of the excellent team that we have in place. It comes as no real surprise, therefore, that those responsible for education in South Gloucestershire recently approached Miss Bertham to ask if she would consider taking on the role of Partner Head in a local primary school on a one year secondment. This would be to provide support, leadership and inspiration to another school in South Gloucestershire that has, sadly, been identified as being in challenging circumstances.

At a specially arranged Governors meeting last week, a Senior Advisor from South Gloucestershire gave a detailed explanation as to the reasons behind the proposal and why Miss Bertham had been approached. After careful deliberation, the Governing Body agreed unanimously to support this proposal.

We know that Miss Bertham is the right person for the enormous task in hand. She will be able to offer a great deal to a school that desperately needs help and support and gain so much to enrich her own professional development. What a great opportunity for our staff team – having chances to take on extra and different responsibilities.

The question which I'm sure many of you will be asking is how will this impact on our school? The simple answer is very little. Olveston School is in a fantastic position; we have an incredibly strong leadership and management structure and a highly professional and well established staff team. The priority and focus for everyone will be to ensure the high standards, caring ethos and happy atmosphere is maintained - this is important for everyone. Olveston School's focus will continue to be the children, their learning and their enjoyment of school.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011, Miss Bertham will be released on a one year secondment, her responsibilities and focus will be on the other school. During this time, Mrs Luke will take over as Acting Head Teacher and Mrs King will become Acting Deputy Head. The Governing Body is very much looking forward to working in partnership with the new Acting Head - offering support and encouragement to Mrs Luke and her leadership team as we all begin a new school year in September.

I'm sure you'll join with me in pledging your support for all the staff as they take on new roles and responsibilities. We also wish Miss Bertham every success in her new task over the forthcoming twelve months and very much look forward to hearing about her progress in due course.

If you have any questions about these arrangements then please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Bertham.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and an exciting, albeit slightly different, start in September.

With very best wishes,

Mark Anderson  
Chair of Governors