



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of another academic year we sadly have to say goodbye to a number of our teaching staff:

- Sian Charlesworth; Sian will be moving to the wonderful city of Athens in Greece, to take up a teaching position.
- Anna Tajeddin; Anna will be leaving the school to take a well-deserved career break but to also teach part time at St. Thomas of Canterbury
- Hannah Lewis & Russell Hancox – both Hannah & Russell joined as Ark Teacher Trainees. A huge congratulations to them both for completing their training and securing jobs at schools nearer to their homes
- Alice Smith; Alice joined us temporarily this term and has brought calm and a real sense of achievement to the Year 3 class. We wish her well in her new ventures.

It is always sad to see great teachers depart but we congratulate them all on their new positions. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all the very best as they continue their teaching careers. On behalf of the Ark Bentworth community I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment - we will miss you all very much. We will be having a staff leavers assembly on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** please do join us; I am sure many of you would like to say goodbye and thank you in person.

As we start thinking about September, we welcome Kishma Felix & Kyasha Francis to our community and team. The table below informs you of the classes and their teachers for next year:

Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Valerie Sheppard & Kerry Salmon
Reception	Laura Wilkins
Year 1	Kishma Felix
Year 2	Christina Cavallaro
Year 3	Kyasha Francis
Year 4	Fiona Tennyson
Year 5	Poppy McKenzie
Year 6	Lucy Thompson

Recruitment to the teaching profession is a national concern at present and I am waiting to appoint a permanent Year 2 teacher; Miss Cavallaro will start the year with the class. Miss Cavallaro has worked with us for the year as our PPA teacher and knows the class really well. It will give me the time to interview and appoint another inspiring teacher to the team.

It promises to be another exciting year for us here at Ark Bentworth and I hope you all have a restful and peaceful summer break. I will see you on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Best wishes**

**Moira Cruddas**  
**Head of School**