

Dear Parent/Carer

## Maths Lessons for 5T & 5F

We are looking to support our new member of staff in Year 5; Ms Sali and her maths class in the build up to the SATs, which begins for Year 5 after half term. In the past we have amalgamated classes, for a half term or more, to carry out a joint teaching exercise to support the less experienced teacher on how to build towards the SATs.

We are proposing to use this technique again, combining classes 5T and 5F. Mrs Earnshaw, who will be our Key Stage 2 maths lead from September 2019, will be leading each session, with Ms Sali team teaching alongside her. LSA provision will also be available to support the classes involved. Both teachers will plan together, but marking will remain with the class teacher.

The joint class provision will take place in the school hall, and the shutters will be closed to create a learning space that is suitable for the students and screens them away from the reception area. The ICT facilities are similar to those available in a classroom.

In preparation, Mrs Earnshaw has been working with Ms Sali, mapping out the current learning, reviewing the work of the current classes and deciding how they will plan for the individual and groups within this learning sequence.

We will be making changes to the timetable for 4 of the 5 maths classes within the week. The lessons not amalgamated, will be used to assess homework and progress over the week, and to set a new challenge homework for each individual student.

If you have any further questions with regard to this change, or would like to visit the joint class and see teaching in action, please contact the school office. Please note this change is planned to take place the first week after half term.

Yours sincerely



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