



Lord Deramore's
Primary School



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

In order to keep you fully 'in the loop' about any emerging or ongoing issues, I will endeavour to provide a regular Headteacher Update for you all every week or so.

CLASS TEACHER APPOINTMENT

Mr Robinson continues to do an excellent job in Year 5, having kindly accepted a one-term contract to cover the start of Miss Dickenson's four-term secondment to Dunnington Primary School. Because Mr Robinson could only commit to the summer term, the governors and I have worked quickly to secure a similarly high-quality teacher for our future Year 5 children throughout the 2017/18 academic year.



I am thrilled to inform you that following a highly successful recruitment process involving over forty applicants, we unanimously appointed **Mr Adam Sharpe** as our Year 5 class teacher from next September on an initial fixed-term, one-year basis.

Mr Sharpe is a highly experienced and talented Key Stage 2 teacher, having previously been a Year 5/6 class teacher, English coordinator and PE specialist in Worcester. He relocated to York in January and is currently undertaking a temporary maternity cover at a school in Leeds. Lord Deramore's Primary was his first application to a York school and I am pleased to say that we snapped him up before any other school had the opportunity to do so.

Adam's references were exemplary, his observed lesson was outstanding and he impressed the selection panel (myself, Mrs Verna Campbell and Mrs Ebony Wonnacott) with his shared passion for a creative and inspiring primary curriculum. Most importantly however, he was the children's preferred candidate.

Mr Sharpe will be making several visits over the forthcoming term to prepare himself for the role and will be teaching our current Year 4 class on our whole-school transition days, which are Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July.

BUILDING WORK

Kier Construction have informed us that the anticipated date for full completion of our new site (including demolition of the 1960s building and access to our new playground area) will now be the end of September/early October. I will keep you fully informed of any further updates and appreciate your understanding for a situation that is unfortunately out of our control.

MRS PYE – YEAR 1 UPDATE



Mrs Pye is starting to feel better and has responded very well to her medication. She aims to be back with us in the new half term and is visiting her GP this week to discuss her return to work. I will send an update letter to Year 1 parents and carers when I am in a position to do so. In the meantime, Miss Aldritt continues to teach the class – ably supported by Mrs Carr, Mrs Graham and Mrs King. On behalf of everybody, we look forward to welcoming Ann back to Lord Deramore's!

2017/18 CLASS TEACHERS

After a very turbulent period of change for both pupils and staff, I wish to reassure you all that no planned changes are being considered on my part in regard to class teachers for next academic year. With this in mind, our most likely teaching arrangements for September 2017 will be:

Early Years:	Mrs Rachel Carr and Mrs Julia Jones
Year 1:	Mrs Ann Pye
Year 2:	Miss Helen Smith
Year 3:	Mrs Mary McCormack and Mrs Steph Jach
Year 4:	Mrs Suzie McKenna and Mrs Alison Gulliver
Year 5:	Mr Adam Sharpe
Year 6:	Mr Mark Richards

Naturally, this is all subject to no last-minute changes in circumstances beyond the school's control.

Thank you for your continued support and warm reception into your school community. I certainly now feel 'at home' and am thoroughly enjoying my first half term here at Lord Deramore's.

With very best wishes,



James Rourke
Headteacher