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### Headteacher Update – February 2020

#### New Caretaker

Mr Yates will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of this month after five years of dedicated, friendly and humorous service. His last working day will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and we are now starting a collection for his collective retirement gift. Please send in any donations to the school office by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.



The governors opted to recruit our new site manager via North Yorkshire County Council caretaking services, who have successfully appointed **Mr Matthew Mason** as our named caretaker. Mr Mason, who has children at two local schools, lives on Badger Hill and has worked for the past nine years at a local retirement home. We look forward to welcoming him to the Lord Deramore's team.

#### New Support Staff

Following a recruitment drive over the Christmas period, we shortlisted and interviewed five candidates for Teaching Assistant roles. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed two new support staff – both of whom are actually parents of children attending Lord Deramore's. **Mrs Rebecca Maddock** has been appointed as a permanent TA, initially providing generic classroom support. She is currently working at Stamford Bridge Primary and will be starting with us in March/April once she has served her notice period. In addition (due to increased need for additional SEND support in September), we were also in a position to offer a temporary position to **Miss Kim Arthur** to start next academic year. Kim currently works at Danesgate Community School. We feel very lucky to have recruited two experienced and friendly colleagues to join our staff team.

#### French Support

Bonnes nouvelles! Modern Foreign Languages is a statutory part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum and is an area we have been keen to develop within Phase 3 since Madame Colin left us at the end of last year. In order to support teachers in delivering this part of the national curriculum, we have commissioned **Mrs Louise Lawrence** – an experienced and talented French teacher – to work alongside our staff and children in Years 4, 5 & 6 every Wednesday morning for the remainder of the year. These sessions promise to be an engaging and beneficial experience for both the children and KS2 staff.



### School crossing patrol officer

City of York Council is still working proactively to secure us a new school crossing patrol officer. Unfortunately, such positions are very difficult to recruit to with over six vacancies currently in the city. Governors (who have voiced concern to the council about the current situation) have been assured that we are a priority. Please consider sharing this advert with any persons who may be interested.

**Could you work a School Crossing Patrol?  
Your School Needs You!!**



We are looking for a committed person to join our School Crossing Patrol Service at Lord Deramore's School. You will be responsible for ensuring the safety of the children crossing a very busy road.

Full training and uniform is provided.  
£9.17 per hour, term-time only 0830 to 0900hrs and 1500 to 1530hrs. Suitable for Job-Share.

The job is sociable, responsible and we welcome applications from people of all ages.

Applicants must be prepared to work in all weather conditions, be polite and able to communicate well.

For an informal chat about this opportunity,  
please ring 07909 685095



Our business manager, Sam Willsden, has also received confirmation from the council that works on traffic calming, road and pavement improvements on Field Lane will be starting in March/April. This was relayed to us following our reporting of a 'near miss' involving one of our families and a cyclist travelling at speed from Heslington East. Please continue to take extra care around this busy road and remain extra vigilant.

### iPads



As a school that is committed to preparing our children for the future, we have taken the decision to invest further in our IT resources by ordering a class set of 32 iPads. These will be in addition to our two class sets of Chromebooks and one class set of laptops. We are confident that these extra devices will further enhance teaching and learning within school.

### **WE STILL REQUIRE OFFERS OF HELP FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL EVENING**

Please email [lordderamores.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:lordderamores.primary@york.gov.uk) if you can provide any entertainment or help in the kitchen on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

SAVE THE DATE – Summer Fair date is confirmed as **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – 2pm to 5pm

With very best wishes,

James Rourke (Headteacher)