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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you some exciting changes to our class structure for the next academic year. From September, we will be moving away from single-form year group classes and instead introducing **mixed-age classes** across the school.

This new structure will allow us to better meet the needs of all our learners and build on the excellent progress we have made as a school over the past year.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 5 and 6

In Upper Key Stage 2, there will be three mixed Year 5 and 6 classes:

- **Mr Davey – Argentina Class**
- **Mrs Swannell – Japan Class**
- **Mrs Yorke – Mexico Class**

Lower Key Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4

In Lower Key Stage 2, there will be three mixed Year 3 and 4 classes:

- **Miss Mears – Spain Class**
- **Miss Clow – Madagascar Class**
- **Mrs Davey and Mr Ball – New Zealand Class** (Mr Ball will teach **Monday to Wednesday**. Mrs Davey will teach **Thursday and Friday**).

Mrs Sansom, our Deputy Headteacher will lead the phases and provide support across the classes. If you have any questions regarding your children's class, please speak to Mrs Sansom.

Why Mixed-Age Classes?

We have chosen to move to a mixed-age structure for several key reasons:

- **Curriculum Strengthening:** Our curriculum has been refined to run on a **two-year cycle**, ensuring complete coverage of all objectives. This approach supports long-term planning, deeper learning, and seamless integration of pupils who join us in Year 3.
- **Team Teaching:** Teachers will work collaboratively to plan, assess, and deliver a high-quality curriculum, ensuring consistency and shared expertise.
- **Social and Emotional Benefits:** All children were invited to list friends they would like to be with in their new class, and these preferences have been thoughtfully considered to ensure every child feels happy and secure.

A Special Goodbye – for now!

We would also like to take this opportunity to **wish Mrs Grant all the very best** in her pregnancy. We are thrilled that she will still be with us for the first half term, and we know she will be missed while away.

We are incredibly proud of the journey our school has been on and excited to continue building on this momentum. Your support has been vital in helping us progress and we are confident that these changes will further enhance the learning experience for all pupils.

Thank you, as always, for trusting us with your children. We look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Head Teacher