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Staffing Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

With Christmas and the end of term fast approaching, I wanted to write to you to provide you with a staffing update. Miss Lavery, who was working in our EYFS has been successful in securing a new career and will, unfortunately, not be returning to Athersley South. We are very grateful for the contribution she made to our school in the short time she was with us. We are currently recruiting to her role and will update once an appointment has been made.

Miss Reynolds, who joined us in September 2019, will also be leaving us at the end of term. She is moving to another Barnsley school where she will lead their EYFS team. Miss Reynolds has been a valuable and committed member of our team who always seeks to support our youngest children as they begin their full time school journey. While Miss Reynolds will be missed, we wish her every success in her journey into leadership and hope that she takes with her many fond memories of the wonderful children and staff with whom she has worked. In January we will be joined by Mrs Abbott, an experienced EYFS teacher, and we look forward to welcoming her to our school.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Walch at Christmas. For the past eight years she has dedicated herself to supporting children and families at Athersley South to overcome barriers and access their learning in school. She has a kind, caring and empathetic nature and her contribution to the whole school community has been huge. It will feel very strange without Mrs Walch but we know that in her new career she will be just as amazing and we wish her every success in her new role. Our new Learning Mentor is a familiar face to many. Further details will follow in due course, once their appointment is finalised.

We hope you will join us in thanking the staff who are leaving for everything they have done for Athersley South and wish them good luck in their future roles, as we do.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Sanderson