

Friday 16th June 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that this letter finds you well and in good spirits. It seems as though the weather has changed for the better again and hopefully we're all able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Let's hope it stays like this.

### **Staffing Changes for September 2022**

It's that time of year, where I have to share bitter-sweet news. This summer we will be saying a sad goodbye and fond farewell to Mrs Morley. Mrs Morley has worked at Highlees for 14 years and in that time has provided a nurturing, engaging environment for all of the children she has come into contact with. Mrs Morley has raised the profile of Reading since she joined the school. This enthusiasm and love of reading has developed into the passion and drive to lead our curriculum forward, with reading at the forefront. Mrs Morley has also been a huge support to me since I have joined the school. Mrs Morley has secured a new position in a Special school, which will provide exciting new challenges and opportunities to keep her very busy. Mrs Morley will be hugely missed by everyone at Highlees - pupils, parents, staff and the wider community. We will be sure to give her a wonderful send-off and hope you'll be able to join in somehow! Thankyou Mrs Morley, for everything you have done here at Highlees.

We also have Miss Wakefield leaving us. Again, Miss Wakefield has been a pleasure to have on the team. The children that have crossed her path since she joined us have been spoiled. We will miss Miss Wakefield's infectious smile and laugh. We wish her every success in her new position in an up and coming school in Hampton.

Lastly, we have to say a fond farewell to Mr Marlow who will be leaving our Year 6 team also. Mr Marlow has been a fantastic support to the Year 6 teaching team and again, we will miss him here at Highlees but wish him every success in his new job, closer to his home in Corby.

We also wish to say a big thank you to Miss Nasreen and Mrs Kaur who have supported us throughout school. It has been a pleasure working with them and we wish them every success in their next adventure.

We wish all of our teachers and teaching assistants good luck. You will all be missed at Highlees.

So that's the sour, now the sweet! We are hugely delighted to welcome Mrs Cadman to the team. She will be the new Early Years Lead and Class Teacher in one of the new Receptions class. Mrs Cadman has a child-first approach and is super-enthusiastic to get started with the children. It's not a normal day if I don't get at least 4 emails worth of ideas from her! She will continue the tradition of the

Reception class being a place of warmth and wonder; providing the pupils with opportunities to learn in exciting, inquiry based ways, focused not only on the end-of-year goals but also in developing our children as young people. Mrs Cadman is fun and bubbly and a great fit for Highlees. I know you will feel the same.

We also welcome Miss Celebicanin who will be teaching one of the Year 6 classes from September. Miss Celebicanin has a wealth of knowledge and experience, having taught in both Year 2 and Year 6 previously. With a great knowledge and understanding of English Miss Celebicanin will be leading the whole school in both Reading and Writing. She is really looking forward to starting here at Highlees with us. I know you will welcome her with open arms.

We would also like to welcome Miss Darr who will be bringing her wealth of experience and knowledge to join us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and Miss Aldous who is again bringing her expertise to our wonderful team in EYFS.

Lastly, we welcome Miss Nicholls. Miss Nicholls is a recently qualified Teacher, straight from University. We are so excited to welcome her into our Upper Key Stage 2 Phase, working in Year 5 in September. Miss Nicholls brings with her new initiatives and current, up-to-date ideas. She is looking forward to starting her new role in a great school.

Mrs Albert  
Head of School