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Dear Parents and Carers

Apollo Class – Summer Term 2023

As you are aware, Miss McGurk will be going off on maternity leave at the start of the Summer Term (around 21st April) and I have been working on ensuring the best replacement for Apollo Class. It is my intention that the teacher will take over from the first day of the term, Monday 17th April, in order to provide a clear start and continuity for the pupils.

I take great pride in ensuring that pupils at Whitehill are always taught by someone they know and I was therefore delighted when Mrs Vernon agreed to return to her previous role, that of a class teacher, and agreed to work with Apollo Class whilst Miss McGurk is off.

Having a qualified teacher working as a member of support staff is always a great resource to have and we have been lucky to have Mrs Vernon working in this capacity over the last nine years. She has regularly stepped in for periods of cover in the past and I am pleased that we are able to make use of her expertise in this role again, especially as she already knows the pupils having worked with them in Year 3.

Mrs Vernon and Miss McGurk will have a series of meetings prior to handover to ensure that the pupils' individual needs continue to be met.

Mrs Wells will continue as Apollo's Teaching Assistant.

Another change to the calendar for pupils in Apollo Class will be when the school reports come home. Miss McGurk will still write your child's school report this year but these will come home just after the Easter break and will reflect on the progress made across the year to date. A separate letter will come home in June, detailing which teacher your child will have when they move into Year 6 from September.

Thank you for your patience whilst I put all the arrangements in place. I really do believe that this is the best possible outcome for the class and for Whitehill to ensure pupils continue to make progress and continue to have a great year.

Your ongoing support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Steve Mills
Headteacher

