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Dear Parent / Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Daniel Burns (Dan) and from September I am very to pleased to say I will be your new Headteacher. I am currently the Deputy Headteacher at Bolton Brow Junior, Infant and Nursery School in Sowerby Bridge, Calderdale where I have enjoyed six very happy and successful years, including 12 months as Acting Headteacher.

It was always going to take a very special school to tempt me away from my present post, but when Lynda Florence showed me around I left feeling excited and inspired by what I had seen and heard. I have visited the school on a number of occasions since my appointment and am impressed by the warm, welcoming atmosphere, the dedicated, enthusiastic members of staff and the happy motivated children who are all very proud of their school.

Over the coming weeks I will be making further visits to the school to work with the Acting Headteachers, staff and the Governors. I am in constant contact with them as we make preparations for the next academic year.

I know the school has undergone many changes in recent times and those of us who will be in school from September are very excited by the opportunities that such change will present to the school.

As a parent of three children I know that change may be quite unsettling. As the incoming Headteacher I am committed to ensuring that everyone feels valued and everyone achieves. I am looking forward to working with everyone involved with the school and the local community by enhancing its many good features and ensuring that all of our children make very good progress through the provision of a vibrant, exciting and innovative learning environment. In my current school we have an 'open door' policy. This is something that I intend to operate at Oxenhope as we work together to ensure all our children have a happy successful time in our school.

Most of my time in school to date has been spent working with the Governing Body to recruit new members of teaching staff. This has been very exciting and very challenging for everyone involved. It was no surprise to me that both positions advertised attracted large numbers of candidates and we had some very difficult decisions to make.

I am very happy to tell you that we have appointed two excellent teachers who both share my enthusiasm for the school.

Our new Deputy Headteacher will be Mrs Kathrine Nutting who is currently an Assistant Headteacher at Marshfield Primary School in Bradford. Kathrine is extremely excited about joining the school and brings with her a wealth of experience. As well as her outstanding teaching and school management experience she is also a 'leading literacy teacher' in Bradford. I know you will all make her feel welcome and she is looking forward to meeting you all.

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We have also appointed Miss Helen Longstaff who is currently teaching at a school in Calderdale and comes to us with outstanding references from all of those who have worked with her.

I must also take this opportunity to thank members of the School Council and many of the children who were involved in the recruitment process. It is worth mentioning that both Mrs Nutting and Miss Longstaff come with very high recommendations from your children. It always amazes me how perceptive children are!

These latest appointments have enabled us to finalise the staffing structure for September. However there will be one more change to the teaching staff.

I have to inform you that Mrs Alison Sutcliffe will be leaving the school at the end of this term. For most of this academic year Alison has been commuting between Oxenhope and Northumberland where her family are now living. The Governing Body and the staff are grateful to Alison for remaining in post during this academic year. I know you will all be very sad to see her leave as she has been crucial in taking the school forward in recent times. From speaking with her I know she will take many happy memories of the school with her and I am sure you will all wish her the very best for the future.

In order to ensure continuity for the children and the school I am very pleased to tell you that Mrs Carol Morton will remain with us until January 2010. We will be appointing another Senior teacher during the Autumn term. The Class structure from September 2009 is as follows;

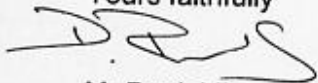
Bronte – YR Miss Rachel Hewitt
Lister – Y1 Miss Helen Longstaff
Hockney – Y2 Mrs Helen Rushby
Butterfield – Y3 Mrs Carol Morton
Devonshire Y4– Mrs Kathrine Nutting (Mon/Tues) Mrs Jackie King (Weds/Thurs/Fri)
Priestley Y5 – Mrs Alison Driver
Macmillan – Y6 Mrs Sue Attwood

Year 5 and 6 will be taught as separate classes in the morning from Monday to Thursday. They will be taught in the afternoons as one class by Mrs Sue Attwood from Monday to Thursday. They will also be taught as one class every Friday by Mrs Alison Driver.

If you have any further questions about staffing from September please feel free to contact one of the Acting Headteachers.

Many thanks for your support to the staff throughout the term and I look forward to working with you all from September.

Yours faithfully



Mr Daniel Burns