



# COTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes for the academic year 2016-17.

Firstly, Miss Webb has successfully completed her NQT year but will be moving on to another school in North Warwickshire. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well as she moves on to gain more experience in a new school. I am pleased to announce that we have been able to recruit Miss Lucy Stevenson to replace Miss Webb and join our Key Stage 2 team in the Year 3-4 phase. She joins us very highly recommended from a local Tamworth school and has a wealth of experience and a 'proven track record' of teaching within this phase. I am sure you will join us in welcoming our new teacher into our 'Learning Family'.

I am also delighted to announce that Miss Neil-Thompson has successfully completed her NQT year and is now a permanent member of staff. Mrs Evans will be having a baby very soon and I am sure you will join me in sending our best wishes to her and her growing family. Mrs Hall will join the Reception team to cover Mrs Evans's Maternity leave and Mrs Tighe, one of our experienced supply teachers, will also be working in the Reception unit. Mrs Smith will join the Year 1/2 team to cover Mrs Pursehouse's deputy-head leadership time.

Mrs Bancroft and Mrs Holbrook will now work in one of the Year 3/4 classes; and Mrs Holbrook will also cover PPA across Key Stage 2 and some small group interventions.

We will be continuing our policy of having 3 classes per phase with classes equally weighted and informed by the most recent assessments. Details of your child's class will be given with the documentation for your annual reports, along with their latest assessment results. The children will be meeting their new class teachers next Wednesday morning.

Here is a full list of classes and teachers for next year:

Teacher (s)	Year Group (s)	Name of class
Miss G Coton	Reception	GC Elder
Mrs A Hall	Reception	AH Chestnut
Mrs L Tighe	Reception (Cover)	
Miss T Neil-Thompson	Year 1 & 2	TNT Maple
Mrs E Pursehouse & Mrs L Smith	Year 1 & 2	EP Hazel
Mr D Birch	Year 1 & 2	DB Birch
Miss L Stevenson	Year 3 & 4	LS Beech



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Miss C Wesley	Year 3 & 4	CW Hawthorn
Mrs D Bancroft & Mrs S Holbrook	Year 3 & 4	SH Rowan
Mr R Newton	Year 5 & 6	RN Holly
Mrs J Tanner	Year 5 & 6	JT Ash
Mrs G Thomas	Year 5 & 6	GT Sycamore

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for all your help and support in what has been another fantastic year for the school.

It was great to see you all supporting us at the Summer Fayre last Friday which raised over £1500. I was amazed at the length of the queue for the stocks!!! It was a wonderful evening and it was great to see so many happy smiling faces enjoying the event in the sunshine. Many thanks also to the PTFA for all their hard work with the events over the year. You all support your children and the school so well. We are working on some ambitious plans to spend this money so it benefits all the children.

We are also delighted with our recent Ofsted report letter as it really reflects the strengths of the school and also recognises the work of the governors, staff, pupils and parents over the last few years. One of the strengths identified was the school's provision for sport and I am delighted with the recent sports days which were so competitive and the children were so proud of their medals!

Our end of Key Stage 2 figures from the recent test results (SATS) are currently being analysed and checked. I am however able to share our un-validated headline figures below:

### **KS2 Attainment (Reading, Mathematics & GPS Test; Writing Teacher Assessment)**

Subject	Coton Green % at or above the expected standard	National % at or above the expected standard	Difference
Maths	80%	70%	+10%
Reading	76%	66%	+10%
Writing	82%	74%	+8%
Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation	87%	72%	+15%
Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined	67%	53%	+14%



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These results represent excellent achievement for our children with figures consistently above national averages. This success also comes after significant changes to these tests. Full details of these scores for individuals will be in the report packs given out on Friday.

You will have also received a letter today explaining the organisation of the open day. This will run next Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm and is an opportunity to celebrate your child's work over the year. You are also welcome to take your child's books home this year. If you would like a more private meeting with your child's class teacher, there are opportunities to do this too. Full details can be found in this letter.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr R Osborne  
Headteacher



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