



HALFPENNY LANE

J, I & N SCHOOL

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that at the end of the 2021/22 academic year, Mrs Kate Gawthorp will be leaving her role as Assistant Headteacher at Halfpenny Lane School. After a great deal of thought and consideration, she has decided that this is the time to embrace the next chapter of her career in education as a Deputy Headteacher. As I am sure you will agree, Mrs Gawthorp has added considerable value to the school during her time with us and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her and her family all the very best for the future. She leaves with our full support and best wishes.

Mrs Gawthorp has spent 12 years of her teaching career at Halfpenny Lane and has performed many different roles during this time, whether this be in the classroom, performing the role of Inclusion Leader or playing an active part of the Senior Leadership Team. Her versatility, and knowledge as a practitioner, has been a real asset to the staff at Halfpenny Lane. I am sure Mrs Gawthorp will continue to thrive in her new position as a Deputy Headteacher, at her new school from September 2022.

More importantly Mrs Gawthorp has played a part in supporting our wonderful community. Much of what a teacher, or leader does, often goes unseen by others. I want to personally thank her for her commitment to the school and most importantly her influence on the children. She has genuinely made a positive difference in their lives and will continue to influence others in the same way when she takes up her new role.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we will be undertaking a very thorough and robust recruitment process to identify a new Assistant Headteacher for our school. We will continue to communicate with you over the coming weeks to provide you with news of the any new staff joining our team for the academic year 2022/23.

I am sure you will want to convey to Mrs Gawthorp your very best wishes over the coming months before she leaves us at the end of the academic year. In the meantime, it is business as usual in the school as we continue to support our fantastic children in their final term and a half of this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Fay – Director of Primary Education and Interim Headteacher of Halfpenny Lane Junior and Infant Primary School

Ian Shuttleworth – Headteacher of Halfpenny Lane from September 2022

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