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Attainment and Attendance Reports

You may have noted in the 'What's Happening' document circulated at the beginning of term that the reports were due out today - 1 July. These will now be available on 15 July, largely due to changes in the assessment deadlines issued by DfE. Originally we were to have submitted Early Years Profile, Phonics Check, KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment data a week ago. This date has now been put back to today; as a result of this we have more time to complete internal assessments, to moderate teacher judgements and to collate assessment information in school. The reports will be sent home on the same day that class information for September is due out, giving parents and carers a complete picture of the year that has passed and our plans for the upcoming academic year.

Class Names Competition

Thank you to all the children who submitted suggestions. Many were based on a general nature theme and birds, along with a variety of other suggestions. We have decided to go with the popular suggestion of 'Owl Names'. All children who mentioned owls in their suggested class names will receive a book token next week – so a big well done to Thomas Walmsley, Phoebe Jackson, Elliott and Nieve Mountford, Chloe Sedman and Charlie Saunders. We will choose an amalgam of their suggestions before the end of term.

Mrs Birchall

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Birchall for all her hard work and support for the children in Class 3 since her arrival in January. She has been a valued member of



the staff team and we wish her the very best as she moves on from Hambleton. Mrs Jo Harpham will be joining us in September and will job share with Mrs Farmery. Mrs Harpham is an experienced teacher who has provided school to school support and is a local authority moderator in Key Stage 1. I know you will extend her a warm welcome when she joins us in September.

Class Structure in KS2 in September

I wanted to provide parents with our draft plan for KS2. We will follow the same pattern as we have in previous years with one mixed Year 3/4 class, one mixed Year 4/5 class and a mixed Year 5/6 class. As previously stated, you will find out which class your child is in on 15 July, along with the staff that will be associated with their class. A significant development will be a four way split for maths (and very possibly other areas of the curriculum, such as spelling and grammar) between KS2 teachers and Mrs Merry, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants. We are in the relatively early stages of planning but the old ICT suite provides a teaching space that makes this approach possible. We are adopting a 'Singapore maths' style mastery teaching approach which lends itself to single year group teaching. English and topic will still be taught in class groups. We plan to hold an information evening in the autumn term for parents and carers on this new approach to maths learning at Hambleton.

Yours sincerely,

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