



Dear Parents/Carers,

1. Replacing Mrs Lambert

Last Friday you will have received the letter written by Mrs Lambert informing you of her decision to retire at the end of the summer term. I know this came as a surprise to many parents – a common comment being ...“but she is not old enough”!!

Mrs Lambert is not an easy person to replace as you can imagine and for many months much thought and behind the scenes action has been going on by staff and governors to ensure that the pupils at Eastlea would get the best possible option in terms of Year 2 class teacher and Deputy Head.

I am delighted to announce that as from September **Mrs Atkinson will be taking on full time responsibility for teaching Year 2.** The current Year 1 pupils know her well and she will be able to provide the necessary continuity for the children as well as quality of teaching that we require for Year 2.

There will be two deputy head teachers from next year both of whom will provide the strong leadership and outstanding teaching which are required to help take the school forward:

- **Mrs Lister** - who will become the full time teacher of Year 1 and take overall responsibility for KS1
- **Mrs Coleby** - who will remain the full time teacher in Year 6 and take overall responsibility for KS2

I'm sure you will agree that these changes have ensured a very strong outcome for Eastlea!

2. Saying goodbye!

Mrs Lambert's last day at Eastlea will be on Thursday 17th July – one day before the end of the summer term. This is because she will be attending her daughter's graduation ceremony on Friday 18th July.

Some parents have approached staff to ask how they can contribute towards a leaving gift. If anyone would like to do this, a collection has been started in school and donations can be made at the school office. Thank you!

And finally, a reminder – Eastlea is closed tomorrow (Friday 20th June) for all pupils due to a staff training day!!

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher