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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Updates

We are writing to update you on some upcoming staffing changes.

At the end of this term, we will sadly be saying farewell to Mrs Gill McDonald. Mrs McDonald has contributed greatly to our school over the years, she is known across school for her passion of music and shared this with many children over the years. Back in 2006, Mrs McDonald first started the BFS choir and since then it has been a great success that we have all thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to choir she has introduced us to the world of Samba and taught many of our learners how to play recorders. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work and dedication.

For those of you that don't know, Mrs McDonald has another role within the Castleman Academy Trust as Governance Operations Director. Therefore, this is not a complete farewell, as she will still be working with us just in her other role. Mrs McDonald will also be continuing with Gardening club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McDonald for her commitment to our school over the years. We know she will be truly missed by all staff and children but we wish her all the luck in the future as her other role develops.

With this change in staffing, we have considered how we can best continue to offer our extra-curricular music opportunities. We are aware this is a change for many of our children and that those of you who signed up for Recorder and Samba have done this for the year. We are delighted to share with you that Mr Neville Bluck, our music teacher, will be taking over the KS2 Choir which will run on a Thursday lunchtime. We will also be continuing to run recorder lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

Sadly, we will be pausing our Samba sessions for the Spring Term. We are sorry for an inconvenience or upset this may cause, however we do not have the expertise needed for this to run at present. For those of you who have already paid for Spring term samba we will be organising refunds shortly.

We thank you for your understanding in this time of change and I am sure you will join me in saying farewell and thank you to Mrs McDonald.

If you have any further questions or concerns. Then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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