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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of another busy term, we are sorry to say goodbye to two members of our Woodthorne family. Mr Hitchin and Madame Unwin will be leaving us at the end of the academic year.

As we say goodbye and thank you to Mr Hitchin, he will be greeted with 'Ni hao' at his new school over 5000 miles away in China. Mr Hitchin joined our school four years ago as a newly qualified teacher. He began his career teaching in year 3; after 2 years, he moved to teach the year 5s where he has been for the last 2 years. I'm sure your children will remember him for his brave costume choices on any dressing up opportunity and any child, who has been lucky enough to be in his class, will have benefitted from his enthusiasm for the teaching of ICT. He will always be remembered as a kind and caring member of staff, who could always be relied upon to put a smile on both children's and adults' faces. So, as the end of the school year closes and a new chapter in his life begins, I am sure you and your children would like to join up to wish him every success for the future and thank him for his hard work and commitment.

If I say 'Hitchin' you say... (ask your children)

Many of you may not know about Madame Unwin's long history as part of the Woodthorne family. She joined the school in 1976, as a 5 year old, and left as a year 6 like so many of our children, who have passed through. Little did she know at that time, that she would return through those red gates as parent herself, bringing her two children to make the same journey she had years before. Whilst her children attended the school, like others before, she was drawn under the Woodthorne spell once more and volunteered on the PTA and in classrooms twice a week.

In 2007, she became officially part of the furniture again but this time roles were reversed and now, it was her job to support your children on their special journey. During the year, she provided 1-to-1 support and became a classroom assistant until September 2008, when she became more commonly known as Madame Unwin teaching French to every child across the school from reception up to year 6. For the past 11 years, she has had the unique role of teaching, supporting and watching your children grow whilst sharing her knowledge and passion for the French culture.

She has contributed to all aspects of school life and shown her support and commitment to your children with enthusiasm and humour. She has championed charity work and led the children to raise money for the RNLI, an important part of developing a rounded pupil. One aspect of Woodthorne's life that Madam Unwin holds close to her heart, is giving your children the opportunity to experience residential. She has, not only attended these with a number of year groups but also planned,

researched and led both the Conwy and French residential; experiences I am sure your children will all remember for years to come.

I am sure you and your children will join me in thanking Madame Unwin for her many years of commitment and dedication to all aspects of Woodthorne life and wish her all the best in future adventures. She is proof that once a Woodthornian, always a Woodthornian.

Please see below our new staffing structure for the 2019-2020 academic year. Teaching staff and class allocations are as follows:

CLASS NEXT YEAR	TEACHER	TA/HLTA	CURRENT CLASS
Nursery	Miss Swann	Mrs Elcock Mrs Sharma	
RW	Mrs Wong	Mrs Gakhal	
RH	Mrs Hodgkiss	Mrs Dean	
1JP	Mrs Perry	Mrs Pocock	RW
1KP	Mrs Paal	Mrs Pocock	RS
2A	Miss Arshad	Mrs Bott	1JP
2S	Mrs Sodhi	Mrs Bott	1KP
3M	Miss Mahay	Miss Edwards	2J
3R	Miss Richards	Miss Edwards	2S
4C	Mrs Cotterill	Miss Smith	3FC/3C
4E	Mrs Ellis Caswell	Miss Smith	3M
5S	Mr Stack	Mrs Butler	4L
5J	Mr Johnson	Mrs Butler	4P
6E	Miss Eardly	Mrs Marsden	5S
6L	Miss Laird	Mrs Marsden	5H

A warm welcome back to Miss Arshad who will return to year 2 after completing her masters degree. Also welcome to Mr Johnson and Miss Richards who will join the team at Woodthorne in September.

Yours faithfully



Miss K Titley