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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic year for our school community. Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, memorable experiences and engaging learning opportunities that have helped them grow in confidence, knowledge and character.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening this afternoon. Ahead of the meeting please see important updates on staffing and class allocations.

Goodbye to Ms Ketchell and Ms MacCourt

Ms Ketchell

After 15 years at Shoreditch Park, Ms Ketchell will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up a new role as Assistant Headteacher and SENCo.

Fifteen years ago, Ms Ketchell joined our school when we were still Whitmore Primary School and was recognised as one of the lowest-performing 200 schools in the country. From her very first day, she demonstrated the tenacity, belief and professionalism that have defined her throughout her time with us. She believed wholeheartedly in our children, our families and our community, and has played a significant part in the remarkable transformation of our school.

It quickly became clear that Ms Ketchell had a natural flair for Early Years and Key Stage 1. As leader of both phases, she has consistently championed the very best outcomes for our youngest learners, leading with warmth, integrity and uncompromisingly high expectations. She has always placed children at the heart of every decision, building strong relationships with families and inspiring the teams she has led.

Ms Ketchell's passion for early reading has been one of the defining features of her leadership. She has been an exceptional early reading leader, never wavering in her belief that every child can learn to read fluently by the age of six when given the right teaching, support and opportunities. Her relentless focus on ensuring children become confident, fluent readers has transformed

outcomes for hundreds of children and has left a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit future generations of pupils.

Whilst we are incredibly sad to say goodbye, we are also immensely proud that Ms Ketchell is taking the next step in her career as an Assistant Headteacher and SENCo. She takes with her a wealth of experience, an unwavering moral purpose and a truly transformative approach to school

leadership. We have no doubt that she will make an enormous difference to the children, families and staff in her new school, just as she has done here.

On behalf of everyone at Shoreditch Park, thank you, Ms Ketchell, for fifteen years of dedication, kindness, professionalism and belief. You have helped shape the school we are today, and your impact will be felt for many years to come.

Ms Maccourt

At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to Ms Maccourt, who is leaving Shoreditch Park after four fantastic years to embark on an exciting travelling adventure.

During her time with us, Ms Maccourt has been an exceptional Year 2 teacher, creating a classroom where children have thrived. Her warmth, enthusiasm and genuine care have made her incredibly popular with children, parents and colleagues alike.

Beyond the classroom, Ms Maccourt has made a significant contribution to school life. She has led our pupil voice work with passion, supported Early Career Teachers as a partner teacher, and played a huge part in bringing our staff team together.

Ms Maccourt will be greatly missed, not only for the outstanding teacher she is, but for the kindness,energy and friendship she has brought to our school community.

We wish her the most incredible travels and every happiness and success in whatever comes next. She will be greatly missed by pupils, families and staff alike. We thank Ms Maccourt for everything she has given to Shoreditch Park and wish her every happiness and success for her travels and whatever comes next.

Congratulations to Ms Carames

I am delighted to share that following a very successful teacher training year with the Hackney Teaching School Alliance, Ms Carames will be a class teacher. Ms Carames brings a wealth of experience and has already formed strong relationships across the school.

Welcome Mr Kwong and Mr Millar

Following a highly competitive process we welcome Mr Kwong and Mr Millar to Shoreditch Park. Both are experienced and outstanding teachers with a track record in improving outcomes. We warmly welcome them to Shoreditch Park and believe they will be a great addition to our strong team.

Internal role changes-

Interim EYFS Phase Leader

I am delighted to share that Ms Francis has been successfully appointed as the interim EYFS lead whilst Ms Lait is on maternity leave. Ms Francis is an outstanding teacher and brings a wealth of leadership experience. This is an exciting time for the EYFS as the provision goes from strength to strength.

KS1 Phase Leader

I am also delighted to share that Ms Hannaford has been successfully appointed as the KS1 phase lead. Ms Hannaford has been an asset to the teaching team this year and brings to the role a strong track record of raising attainment across EYFS and KS1 phases. We look forward to sharing the exciting developments across the phase over the next academic year.

New class allocations

I am pleased to share information about class teachers for the next academic year, helping children and families prepare for another exciting chapter in their learning journey.

The school is in an exceptionally fortunate position to have 3 teachers in both Year 5 and Year 6. Ms Madan will be teaching across Year 5 and Ms Richards will be teaching across Year 6. This will enable highly focused small group teaching in English and Maths, targeted tutoring and teachers sharing subjects across the year group.

We have an incredible team of HLTAs, Teaching Assistants and Learning Mentors, we are in the final stage of allocations and will keep you updated once all classes are allocated.

Class 2025/2026	Class 2026/2027	Teacher 2026/2027
	Rosen Class (Nursery)	Imogen Parker
	Browne Class (Reception)	Jessica Francis
	Donaldson Class (Reception)	Iona Clark
Browne Class (Reception)	Grey Class (Y1)	Hollie Hannaford
Donaldson Class (Reception)	Deacon Class (Y1)	Isobel Glaysher
Grey Class (Y1)	Hoffman Class (Y2)	Jessica Carpenter
Deacon Class (Y1)	Jeffers Class (Y2)	Rachel Luogan

Jeffers Class (Y2)	King-Smith Class (Y3)	Kate Silver
Hoffman Class (Y2)	Briggs Class (Y3)	Billy Kwong
Briggs Class (Y3)	Morpurgo Class (Y4)	Akis Has
King-Smith Class (Y3)	Almond Class (Y4)	Caleb Millar
Morpurgo Class (Y4)	Tan Class (Y5)	Natalie Perritano
Almond Class (Y4)	Dahl Class (Y5)	Carolina Carames
	Year 5 non-class based	Romi Madan
Tan Class (Y5)	Milligan Class (Y6)	Elsa Brittain
Dahl Class (Y5)	Zephaniah Class (Y6)	Ryan Dent
	Year 6 non-class based	Rochelle Richards

I would like to thank the whole staff team for an incredible year at Shoreditch Park, and to all of our wonderful families for the continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Smith

Penny Smith
Headteacher