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Dear Parents,

As usual, we are mixing our Year 4 classes as they go into Year 5. The reason for this is to promote a wider base of working relationships for the children, giving them an opportunity to establish new friendships and learn alongside different children with different viewpoints. From the work undertaken in previous years we know that this also strengthens a sense of community cohesion and prepares children for future life.

After half term, the Year 4 teachers will be asking the children to provide three names of children that they would like to be in a class with. They will then be put in a class with at least one of these children. I would ask that over half term, you discuss these choices with your child to ensure they make sensible choices.

The Year 4 class teachers will then consider current friendship groups, partnerships and the views of the children, before making the decision about the make up of the classes. They will also plan weekly sessions, where the new class groups can meet and work together in order to form these new relationships in a co-ordinated and sensitive way.

I do appreciate that some children and parents may be anxious about this change. However, given the level of consideration and professional judgement that will go into this plan, the opportunity to work in the new groups this term and the successful integration of children into Y3 and Y5 in previous years, I am extremely confident that this transition will be positive.

Kind regards,

Miss Wilkes